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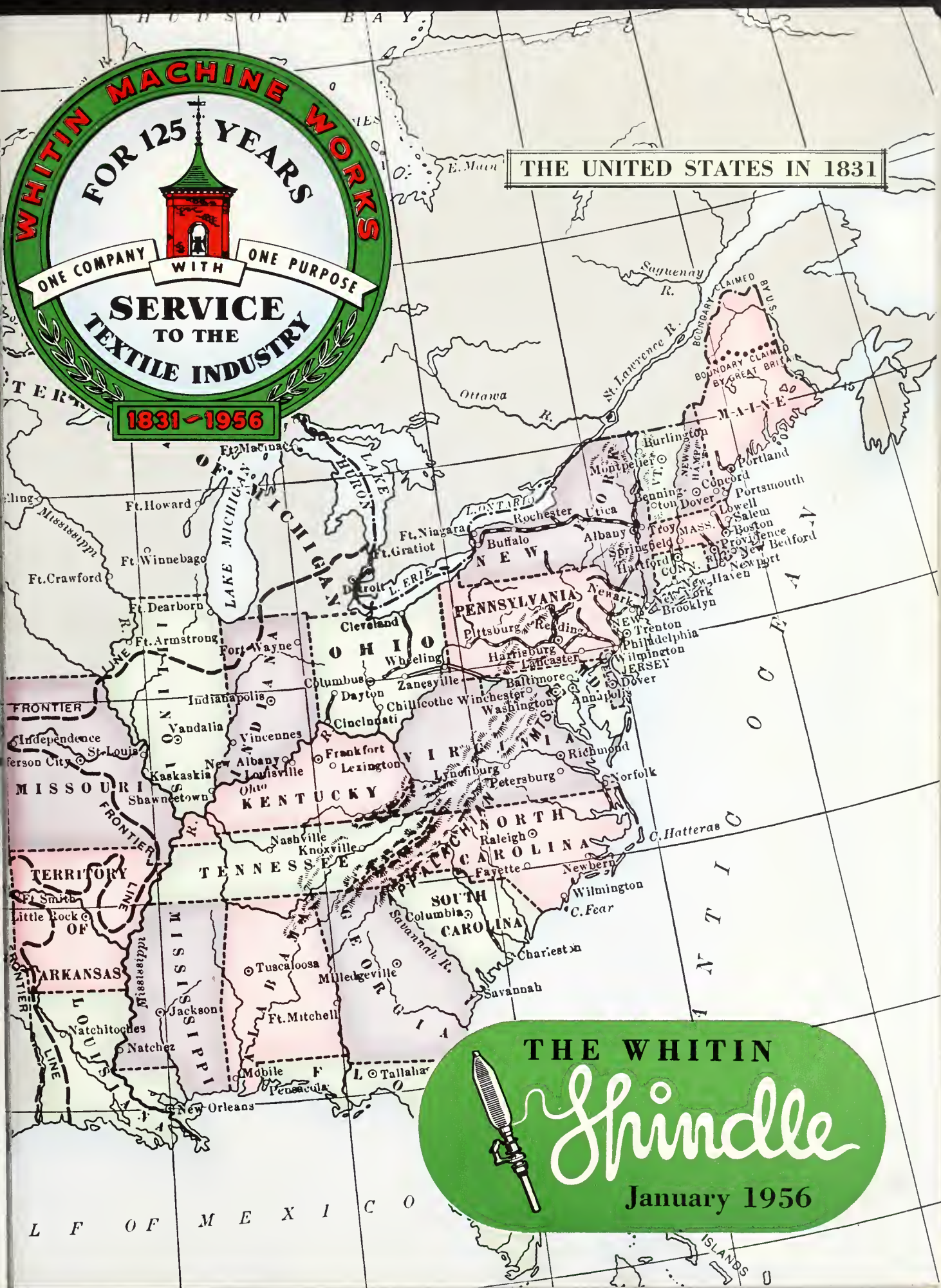
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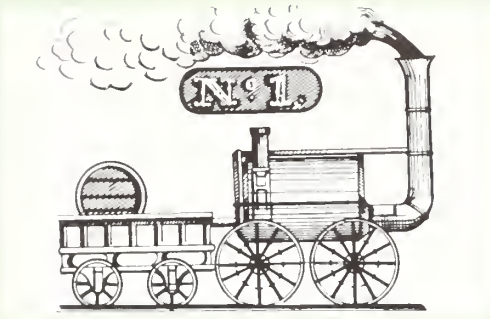

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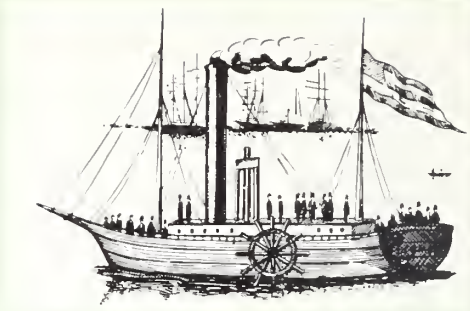

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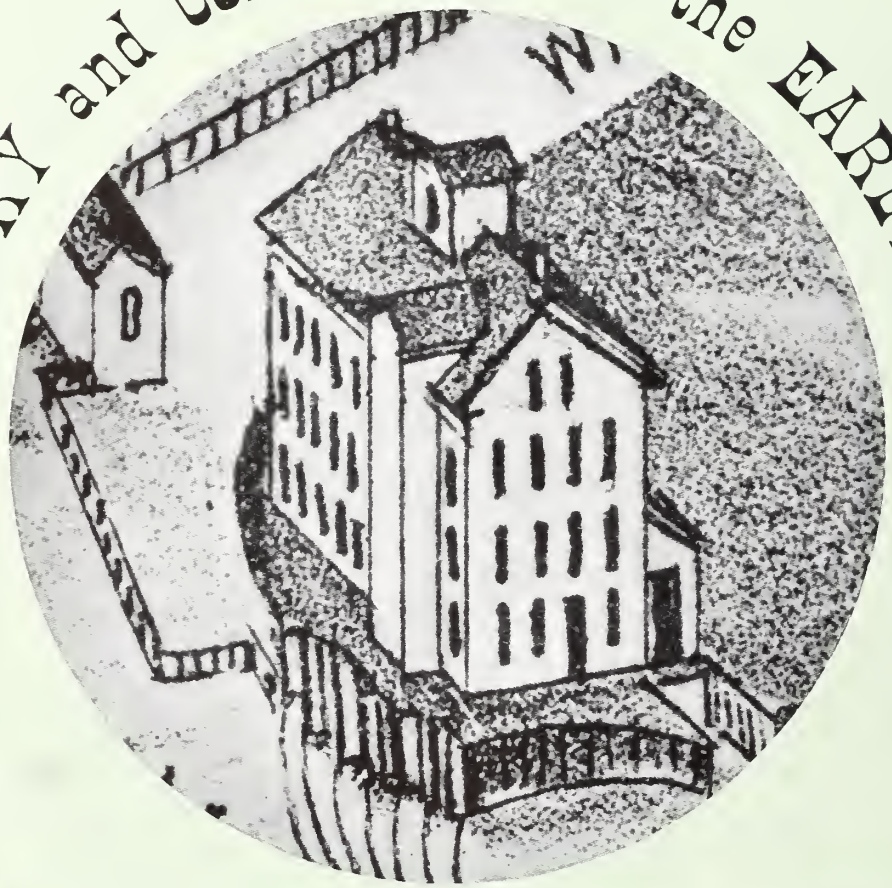
INDUSTRY and COMMERCE in the EARLY 1800's



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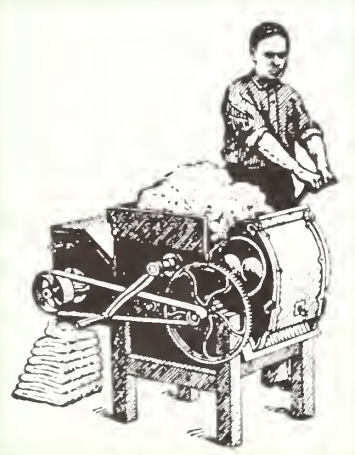

A cotton Gin
of early vintage

Early
Blacksmith Shop

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November

Betsey Whitin, Matriarch and Business Partner from 1831 to 1864

WHITIN — A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION

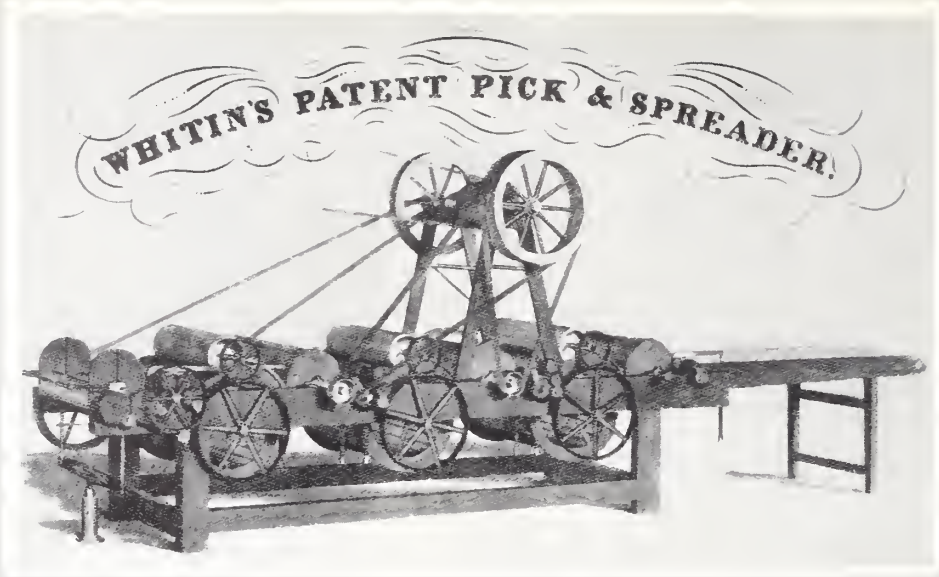
Like a tall oak, the great Whitin plant grew from a small seed that found fertile soil on the banks of the Mumford. From the very beginning, the historics of the area, of the local population, and of the Company are intertwined. The early period of this area was considered in the November, 1953, SPINDLE. *This chapter bridges the interval between the end of that article and the sale of the first pickers.*

. REVIEW of histories, accounts, and church records his area makes two points clear. First, the men and nen of those bygone days were very human, subject he same strengths and weaknesses as we of today. ondly, the history of iron working in Whitinsville edes John C. Whitin's invention of the picker by a century.

urning back time in its flight, as we search the early rds, we note that here a respected member is cen- d by his church for "watering the cider" he sold, again there is another member disciplined for ceiving in trading a horse." But side by side with anecdotes is clear evidence that the tradition of work in iron and steel is rooted deep in the history he town. From the day the Company began pro- ion, it could truthfully be said that Whitin machines built by skilled labor.

It is in the colonial period that we must begin our story of iron working in the area around the "Falls of the Mumford River." Scarcely had the last Nipmuc warwhoop echoed from the Masconsapong hills when some Mendon militiaman climbed from his colonial foxhole to exclaim "Why, it's an iron mine!"

The Mendon farmers were not interested in iron but they were concerned for their cattle, for the iron ore lay beneath the surface of the Town Common, an area reserved for the common pasturage of cattle. Grazing conditions soon deteriorated when unscrupulous persons began to mine the ore.



Whitin Machine Works first product

The Town Fathers met in solemn conclave on September 16, 1700 and ordained that henceforth "Noe person shall carry any mine or iron ore out of or from the Town Common upon penalty of twenty shillings a load, the one half to the informer, the other half to the use of the Town."

Iron ore was needed for several small smelters, and so, on October 14, 1700, Samuel Thayer, as others, carried off iron ore and paid his twenty shillings for the "ore that had been digged." The person who told on him received half the fine. Samuel also paid the informer—directly and in very salty language.

Iron working was done in that part of Mendon, now called Woonsocket, as early as 1698. Iron ore was refined about 1728 on or near land where the Whitin Machine Works now stands.

Seth Terry, a clerk from Barrington, bought in 1725, '26, and '27 from various persons 488 acres of land including "the Falls of Mumpford River" at a price of 488 pounds. Seth built a sawmill and also began to produce "refined iron." On January 10, 1728 he sold out.

By this time the iron works consisted of an ore yard, three fireplaces, and a trip-hammer, and was located on thirty acres of land. Writing about 1899, a local historian stated that the forge was located until 1771 "twenty rods below the bridge on the south side of the river" and got its power from a dam "one hundred feet west of the present dam." In 1771 the forge was moved to about the present site of the Ring Shop.

By this time the local iron ore may have run out. Bar iron was made from pig iron and scrap. The forge was operated by the Baylies Brothers and then by Fletcher. It was nearly time for a Whitin to appea on the scene.

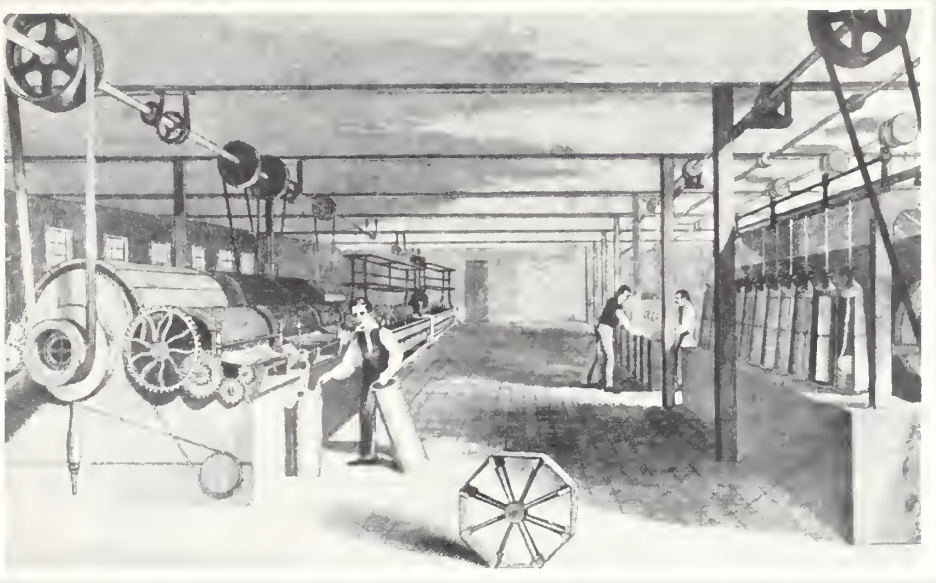
First was Paul Whitin, commonly called Colone Paul. When his great great grandfather, Nathanie came from England in 1636 to settle in Dedham th name was spelled with a final "g." Legend has it tha the spelling was changed to avoid confusion with anothe Dedham family that ran a tavern. When Paul wa eighteen months of age, his widowed mother move to a Sutton farm.

Paul was trained as a blacksmith by Jesse White an by Chester Williams of Northbridge. During this peric he was being tutored in grammar and mathematics b the pastor of his church, The Rev. John Crane. Aft completing his training Paul worked for four years i South Northbridge as a journeyman and in 1792 rente Ezra Wood's Smithy.

Within the year he married Betsey Fletcher, the prett sixteen-year old granddaughter of the owner. As h raised the cash, Paul bought the smithy and a one-thir interest in the forge and water rights.

South Northbridge, now Whitinsville, was the scen of much activity even in those days. In 1793 th Reverend Peter Whitney reported "two corn-mill one saw mill, and one forge where much work is pe formed." Paul was busy pounding out heavy scyth and hoes for sale to southern plantation owners. H did particularly well in the period 1807–1809.

No picture of Paul exists. Although not robust, h was an extremely conscientious workman who penalize himself for any time lost from his forge for his duti as town clerk, justice of the peace, and Lieutenan Colonel of the militia (circa 1807).



Carding, Drawing, Roving and Spinning—As introduced by Samuel Slater in 1790

In the early 1800's cotton spinning began in this area. The 1000 spindle Northbridge Cotton Manufacturing Company was founded in 1809, one of the earliest cotton mills in the country, and stood on the present site of the power house. Both Paul and his father-in-law owned financial interests in the company. In 1816 the 288 spindle Whitin & Fletcher mill was set up on the site of the Fletcher forge.

Paul was moderately successful in his own right, and two of the many factors in his life and work were to affect the history of the Whitin Machine Works. He had married Betsey Fletcher and he had fathered five sons. He left his entire estate to Betsey on his death in 1831 at the age of 63.

Two of the boys, Paul Jr. and John C., had laid the foundations of the family fortune by their wise handling of the Whitin and Fletcher mill in the period 1826–1829. Their mother, Betsey, after Paul's death in 1831, sold to three of her sons, Paul, Jr., John C., and Charles, three-quarters of the business for $6000. She was a public spirited citizen, and was prudent and wise in her business affairs. She retained the remaining quarter interest in the business and, for the next thirty-two years, played an active and virtually controlling part in the conduct of the enterprise.

The year 1831 was a fateful one. Paul, Sr. died, his sons bought three-fourths of the business, the business bought the Northbridge Cotton Manufacturing Company, and John C. took out his first patent.

Paul Jr. was the image of his father. John C., unlike his brother, had spent less time in the office but more time tinkering with machinery. Using two old lathes, neither worth over fifteen dollars, and assisted by a clever mechanic named Benjamin Innis, in the space of a year John C. invented and patented his improved picker.

The first pickers were made for use in the Whitin mills, but other mill owners had heard of the pickers, saw them, and offered to buy. The first pickers for sale were manufactured in 1834, with a production of one picker a month. By 1835 production had climbed to three a month, and by 1836 to six a month.

Quietly and without fanfare, the Whitin Machine Works had been born. It was to grow mightily.

Residence of Colonel and Mrs. Paul (Betsey) Whitin in 1800. Originally located where Whitinsville Town Hall now stands

Sidelights

ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF 1831

(Excerpts from the "Massachusetts Spy."
Courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.)

To Capitalists and Manufacturers.

WILL be sold at Public Auction, on the premises, on THURSDAY, *the 27th day of September next*, at ten o'clock forenoon, "THE FRENCH RIVER MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENT," situated in Oxford, (Mass.) containing 190 acres of Land, a Factory, about 80 feet long and three stories high, a large Machine Shop, Saw Mill, six large Dwelling Houses, and other buildings thereon. The fall of the River on the premises is about twenty-five feet, constituting a privilege of great power and value.

Also, will be sold at the same time and place, all the *MACHINERY* in said Factory, consisting of about 1400 Spindles, thirty-four Looms, and all the necessary preparation. The Machinery will be sold with the Real Estate or separately, as may suit purchasers. The sale is to be made by the Administrator of the late proprietor of the premises, WILLARD ARNOLD, and must be absolute. Conditions of sale as liberal as practicable, and will be made known at the time and place of sale.

AHAB ARNOLD, *Adm'or.*

Oxford, Aug 29.

Female Seminary in Uxbridge.

THIS School will commence on WEDNESDAY, *the 21st of December next*, under the care of Miss S B BRIGHAM. Instruction will be given in the English branches of education, and also in Calisthenics, a system of exercises calculated to promote health and improve the manners.

The Winter Term will be 13 weeks. Tuition in English studies, $4,50; Calisthenics, $1. Board may be obtained in private families at $1.50 per week.

☞ Reference to Rev. SAMUEL JUDSON, Dr. GEORGE WILLARD, JOSEPH THAYER, Esq., JONATHAN GREGORY, Esq., Uxbridge; JOSIAH CHAPIN, JOSEPH MANTON, Providence, (R. I.)

Uxbridge, Nov 9. 6w

Blackstone Canal Transportation.

UNION LINE.

THE subscribers, successors to the "Providence and Worcester Canal Boat Company," whose business has heretofore been conducted by Wilber Kelly and Horace Buffum, will commence running, as soon as the Canal is navigable, a Line of Boats, for the transportation of Goods, between Providence and Worcester, and the intermediate places.

A Boat will leave Providence every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, for Worcester, and oftener if freight should offer. The subscribers have large and commodious Store Houses at the Basin, in Providence, and the *upper* Basin, in Worcester, where Goods that have been, or are to be, transported, can be stored any reasonable length of time, free of expense; and our arrangements in other respects, are such, that we can say, with perfect confidence, that those who may favor us with their business, may rest assured of its being done in a satisfactory manner.

☞ All Goods consigned to S. R. JACKSON, Providence, or HAMMOND HOWE, Worcester, will be forwarded with despatch, and any Goods transported down the Canal for shipping, will be forwarded free of charge.

HOWE, JACKSON, & CO.

March 16. eotf

FAMILIES WANTED.

WANTED, at *Samuel Slater's Factory*, in Sutton, (Mass.) 2 or 3 good Families; who will find steady employ and good wages, and their cash paid them every fourth week. Application to be made at the Factory, in Wilkinsonville, Sutton. 6w Sept. 14.

STENOGRAPHY,

Or SHORT HAND WRITING, (Taught in 6 Lessons.)

MR. WORSTER, Teacher of Stenography, who has been successfully engaged in Boston, the past seasons, respectfully announces to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Worcester, his intention of remaining in town a short time, for the purpose of giving instructions in his much approved system.

Those persons who may feel desirous of obtaining a knowledge of the art, are invited to call at Thomas's Exchange Coffee House, where they can examine the system, and gain further information.

☞ Lessons will be given at the residence of pupils if required.

Extract from T. Campbell, Esq., Lord Rector of Glasgow University. "I should exhort all young men to learn that most useful art, Short Hand Writing, an art, which I believe will one day be studied as universally as common writing, and which abridges the labor of Penmanship to a degree that will naturally quicken the intercourse of human thought."

August 22.

Transportation done on the Blackstone Canal from March 23, up to Sept. 30, 1831.

To	tons.	From	tons.
Worcester	8053 1-2		291
Millbury	669		210
Wilkinsonville	64		36
Grafton	652 1-2		196 1-2
Northbridge	769		1107
Uxbridge	591 1-2		709
Millville	434		87
Blackstone	779 1-2		243
Waterford	351 1-2		
Woonsocket	2223		209 1-2
Mansville	209		8
Albion Mills	192 1-2		23
Kelley's Mills	107 1-2		62
New Privilege	369		
	10,495 1-2		3435
			10,495 1-2
Total			13,930 1-2

The following are some of the principal articles comprising the above tonnage.

Up	Down
14,067 bushels Corn,	1065 cords Wood,
481 do. Rye,	947 casks Lime,
10,283 bbls. Flour,	6116 bales Cot'n Goods,
2450 sacks Salt,	756 do. Woollen do.,
3024 bushels do.,	376 tons rough and wrought Stone,
64,174 galls. Molasses,	15,741 Chairs,
37,007 do. foreign and domestic Spirits,	2990 setts Measures,
23 773 do. Oil,	11,561 Pails,
1696 m. Shingles,	101 bush. Black Lead,
889 m. Clapboards,	967 boxes Cards,
1,804,264 feet of Boards,	1785 boxes Boots and Shoes
76 tons Dye Woods	4079 reams Paper.
314 cases do	
2245 casks Lime	
6570 bales Cotton	
1334 do Wool	
171 tons Gypsum	
616 do Coal	
95 do Castings	
578,700 lbs wrought Iron	
806 casks Nails	
111 tons Oyster Shells	
1013 Raw Hides	
871 boxes Sugar	
213 chests Tea	
243 bags Coffee	
231 lbs Beef and Pork	
325 quintal Fish	
566 bbls do	
87 crates Crockery	
285 161 pounds Leather.	

STOP A RUNAWAY!

RUN away from the subscriber, on Sunday, Aug. 12, a Boy named TUBIL CODY. Said Lad is about 14 years old; was well dressed when he left—is tall of his age, and generally looks down when spoken to.—He took with him a small quantity of silver change which he had stolen from the subscriber. Whoever will apprehend said runaway and return him to the subscriber shall be handsomely rewarded All persons are cautioned not to harbor or employ him.

LEANDER RICHARDS.

Framingham, Aug. 15.

Wood Choppers Wanted.

APPLY at the Iron Foundry in Brookfield.
4w Brookfield, Oct. 5.

Woollen Machinery.

WILLIAM M. BICKFORD,

(Successor to William Stowell,)

RESPECTFULLY informs the manufacturers that he is now prepared and will build to order the following Wool Machinery, viz: Condensing, Picking, Napping, and Brushing Machines. Also, Spinning Jacks. He can assure those who may patronise him, that all work entrusted to his care shall be done on the most approved plan and of the best materials; and a strict regard will be paid to the execution of the work.

All orders thankfully received and promptly attended to.

Worcester, (Mass) Aug. 31. ep4eo5t

A YOUNG MAN from 16 to 19 years of age, is wanted to attend in a Store—one who has some knowledge of the business would be preferred. Apply to

DANIEL HEYWOOD.

Worcester, Oct. 5.

NEW CENSUS.

An abstract of a "careful revision of the enumeration of the United States for the years 1800, 1810, 1820, and 1830," compiled at the Department of State, agreeably to law; and an abstract from the aggregate returns of the several Marshals of the United States of the Fifth Census."

States.	1800.	1810.	1820.	1830.
Maine	151719	228705	298335	399468
N. Hampshire	183762	214360	244161	269533
Massachus'ts	423245	472040	523287	610014
R. Island	69122	77031	83059	97210
Connecticut	251002	262042	275202	297711
Vermont	154465	216713	235764	280679
New York	586756	959049	1,372812	1,913508
New Jersey	211949	245555	277575	320779
Pennsylvania	602365	810091	1,049458	1,347672
Delaware	64273	72674	72749	76739
Maryland	341548	380546	407350	446913
Dist. Columb.	14098	24022	33039	39588
Virginia	880200	974622	1,085379	1,211266
N. Carolina	478103	555500	638829	738470
S. Carolina	345591	415115	502741	581458
Georgia	162101	252433	340987	516504
Kentucky	220955	406511	564317	688844
Tennessee	105602	281727	422813	684822
Ohio	45365	230760	581434	937679
Indiana	4375	24520	147178	341582
Mississippi	8850	40352	75448	136806
Illinois		12282	55211	157575
Louisiana		76556	153407	215791
Missouri		20845	66586	140084
Alabama			127901	309206
Michigan		4762	8896	31128
Arkansas			14273	30388
Florida				34725
	5,305925	7,289314	9,633131	12,856407

INCREASE PER CENT, FROM 1820 TO 1830.

Maine	33,898	South Carolina	15,657
New Hampshire	10,391	Georgia	51,472
Massachusetts	16,575	Kentucky	22.056
Rhode Island	17,157	Tennessee	62,044
Connecticut	8,161	Ohio	61,998
Vermont	19,005	Indiana	132,087
New York	39.386	Mississippi	81,032
New Jersey	15.563	Illinois	185,403
Pennsylvania	28,416	Louisiana	40,665
Delaware	5,487	Missouri	110.380
Maryland	9.712	Alabama	141,574
Dist. Columbia	20,639	Michigan	250,001
Virginia	13,069	Arkansas	113,273
North Carolina	15.592	Florida	
Average per cent,			32,392

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JOHN C. WHITIN founded the Whitin Machine Works in 1831. The year 1956 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Whitin Machine Works. Growing constantly from its modest beginning in the year 1831, Whitin today is recognized as one of the outstanding leaders in the manufacture of textile preparatory machinery both here and abroad.

The Whitin Machine Works has been operated through five wars in which the United States participated. Its efficient, conservative management has proved so successful that even periods of panic and depression have failed to shake its security.

In this and subsequent issues of the SPINDLE throughout the year, we shall trace the progress of the Whitin Machine Works from the time John C. Whitin built his first Picker up to the present day. In addition, we shall parallel these articles with newspaper clippings or other historical accounts of the period being covered, so that we can measure the Company's growth and progress with that of the Nation.

Whitin Personality

ON THIS, the opening of our 125th anniversary year, we choose as our Whitin personality for this issue one of the greatest Whitin personalities of all time—John Crane Whitin. When he passed away in 1882 at the age of 75, he left as a memorial, the greatly advanced Village of Whitinsville and the Whitin Machine Works. Throughout the passing years his fame has remained undiminished.

He was born in Northbridge in 1807, the son of an industrious father, Paul Whitin, and a foresighted mother, Betsey Fletcher Whitin. These good qualities of his parents were accentuated in him. At maturity he was a man of pleasant voice, short and thickset in build, with a fresh complexion, fine teeth, and curly red hair tinged with steel gray. He possessed great power, tireless energy, and the qualities of a natural leader. So great was his interest in the Company that, in his later years, although crippled by rheumatism he often observed work in the departments from a wheel chair.

John attended the district school until he was fifteen. At age nine, whenever school was not in session, he began gaining experience in his father's cotton mill. At twelve he began in the repair room his tremendous preparation for his life's work. He early displayed a unique ability mentally to plan machines, complete in every detail. Although he worked in merchandising in New York for three years, he was not so greatly interested in the mercantile side of the business. He returned to Whitinsville and, with his father and brother, formed the new firm of P. Whitin & Sons. As superintendent of their mill, John concentrated on developing equipment and the repair of equipment. His ideas led him to invent and patent a picker. Thus began the manufacture of a line of superior machines.

John Crane Whitin was a man who served his nation, state, and community. He served as representative to the General Court, as a presidential elector in 1876, as a director of the Whitinsville National Bank, president of the Whitinsville Savings Bank, and director of the Providence and Worcester Railroad. One of the original members of the Village Congregational Church, he was a deacon for forty-eight years and superintendent of the Sunday School for twenty-five years.

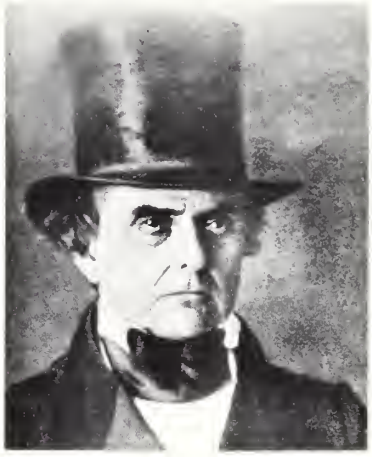
John C. Whitin was married twice. In 1831 he married Catherine H. Leland who died in 1873. By this marriage there was a daughter Jane Whitin who later married Mr. Josiah Lasell, and a son John Maltby Whitin who died as a young man leaving no children. In 1875 he married Sarah Elizabeth Pratt who survived him.

FRONT COVER: When the Whitin Machine Works was established in 1831, our country had not reached even half its growth and was a country of only 24 states and four territories.

Andrew Jackson, American soldier and statesman, was the seventh president of the United States and was in the White House when John C. Whitin applied for his first patent

The American Scene – OUR NATION IN 1831

During 1956, the year that marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of our company, it is altogether fitting and proper that we review the steps by which Whitin became a synonym for the best in textile preparatory machines. In order that we may orient the history of our company in its proper setting, each installment of the local account is paralleled by an installment from the national scene



Daniel Webster, born in New Hampshire, educated at Dartmouth, and elected to the U. S. Senate in Massachusetts, was a statesman known for his "clear, massive, overwhelming eloquence." He was one of our Country's great orators at the time the Whitin Machine Works was started

LIKE A GANGLING TEEN-AGE BOY, the United States of 1831 was growing rapidly, increasing in stature and developing powerful muscles. From the original thirteen colonies strung along the Atlantic coast, hunters, traders and farmers had pushed west to carve new states from the rich lands beyond the Appalachians. The United States of 1831 had become a country of twenty-four states, four territories, and almost thirteen million people. Yet, the nation was far from being the great world power it is today—as far as John C. Whitin's little shop was from the huge, throbbing plant that today houses the Whitin Machine Works.

Then, about one-third of the present continental territory of the States was settled and only sparsely settled at that. Flatboats, keelboats, and steamboats plied the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi. In that year the South produced 307,244,400 lbs. of cotton at a good profit, for cotton could be grown and cleaned for 8¢ a pound and the average New York price for middling-uplands cotton was 10.9¢ a pound. The demand was ever-increasing; the government sold over five million acres of additional farmland; the frontier moved west nineteen miles.

Yet huge areas this side of the "Father of Waters" were inhabited only by Indians. The five civilized tribes—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles—held an area as large as Georgia, and of these tribes only the Choctaws had agreed to move west. Beyond the Mississippi was thought to be only the "great American desert," fit only for savages and wild animals. The redmen still held Wisconsin and Iowa. Chicago was but a tiny frontier village.

When the Whitin Machine Works was founded Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson was in the White House. At his inauguration ten thousand rifle-toting, cider-drinking backwoodsmen had crowded into Washington to see the 61-year old veteran of Indian fighting and two wars against the British become the first westerner to

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The American Scene *(continued)*

attain the presidency. At that time Clay and Calhoun thundered in the forums of Washington; Davy Crockett was defeated for the U. S. House of Representatives; James Bowie of bowie knife fame was a gay young blade of thirty-five. It was five years before the guns would roar at the Alamo. It was the year after Daniel Webster of Massachusetts, speaking in the Senate for two days, delivered in his famous reply to Haynes the greatest speech of his career—one of the greatest speeches ever given.

The 1830's, until the panic of 1837, were a time of expansion and prosperity. The Erie Canal was one of several canals which had been completed in a wave of canal building that swept the country. The first boat passed along the Blackstone Canal from Providence to Worcester in 1828. The Blackstone Canal, built at a cost in excess of $700,000, carried freight and passengers in broad-beamed shallow-draft horse-drawn boats. In 1831 it earned tolls of $14,945 and carried among other things (in 1832) 3151 bales of wool, 3590 bales of cotton, and 810 tons of iron goods. Northbridge shipped from the Plummers landing shoes from twelve manufacturers, granite from the Bean quarry, and products from Whitin.

At the time the Whitin Machine Works was founded, Massachusetts' homes were still lighted by whale oil. Shown flying the house flag of Mr. E. Kent Swift's family is the whaling ship *Commodore Morris* on the north Atlantic whaling grounds. Built in Woods Hole, Cape Cod, this was but one of the whalers sailing from Falmouth

At that time sailing ships from Salem and Boston roamed the seven seas, trading with all peoples and all nations. In the words of a Salem historian, "Salem . . . contributed largely to spread a knowledge of the virtue and good qualities of New England rum, of the astounding effects of gunpowder, and of the consoling influences of Virginia tobacco among the savage tribes of the West Coast (of Africa)." Swift brigs manned by Massachusetts sailors brought back ivory, gold dust, peanuts, camwood, sandalwood, palm oil, silks and furs in exchange for cottons, wooden clocks, brass pans, shoes, pond ice, and other "yankee notions."

Whaleships still sailed from New Bedford and Falmouth in search of sperm and right whales, and intrepid seamen in open boats faced the raging flukes of wounded whales to bring back oil for lamps, ambergris for perfumes, whale ivory for the canes of gentlemen, and whalebone to shape the corseted waists of New England ladies.

Roads had been improved since the days when Colonel Paul Whitin loaded on wagons the scythes and "heavy hoes" made in his forge and instructed his driver-salesmen to drive as far south as possible, to sell the goods, to sell the wagon, to sell the horses, and to make their way back to Whitinsville as best they could. Still young men of good family, such as John Boynton who founded Worcester Polytechnic Institute, founded fortunes by selling from pack or wagon, dry goods, hats, boots, shoes, firearms, hardware, clocks, and even furniture. It was some years before a Worcester inn posted the following regulations for itinerant merchants:

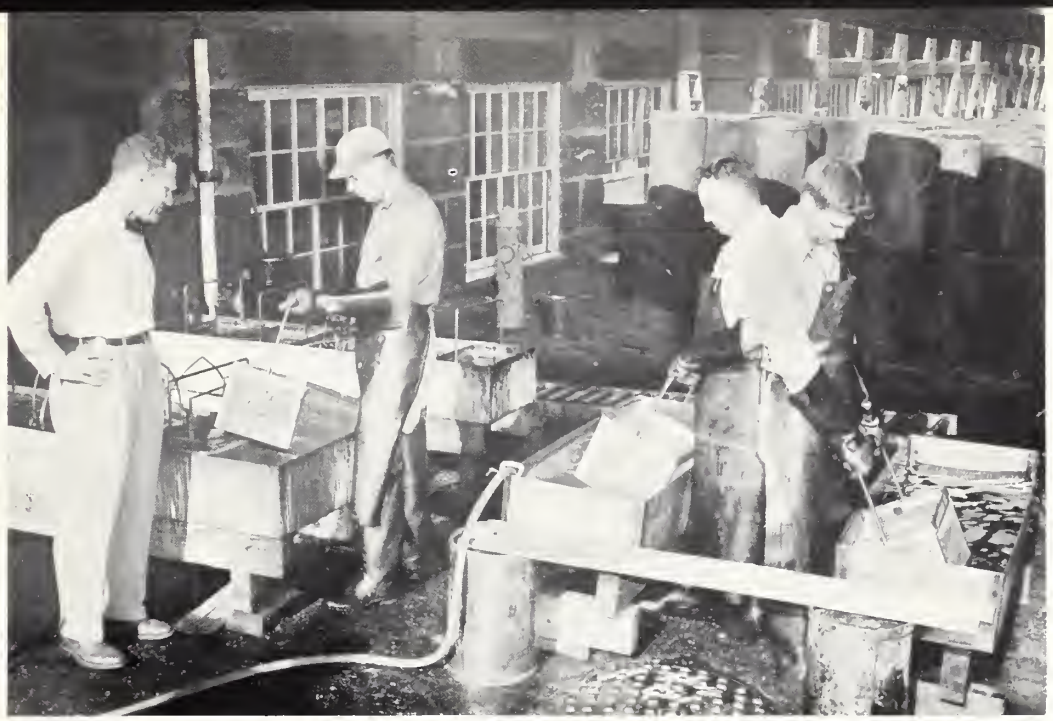
"Four pence a night for a bed.
Six pence with supper
No more than five to sleep in a bed
No boots to be worn in bed.
Organ grinders to sleep in the wash-house
No dogs allowed up stairs
No beer in the kitchen
No Razor grinders or Tinkers taken in."

There were signs of the coming triumph of steam. The first locomotives had been imported from England in 1829, and the first American-built locomotive, the "Best Friend of Charleston," had been put in operation in 1830. It was two years before the steamship *Bangor* was to begin plying between Boston and the Penobscot and four years before the completion of the Boston-Worcester railroad.

America had outgrown its colonial origin. Gentlemen no longer wore knee breeches and ruffled shirts. In New England the apple orchards and cider mills suffered as the temperance movement got under way. In New York and Boston schools for the blind were planned. Garrison started *The Liberator* in Boston. It was two years before the famous newspaper *The New York Sun* was started and two years before Oberlin was to become the first college in the world to admit women students on equal terms with men.

Money was worth more: 80 acres of good farmland could be bought for $100. The population was growing rapidly, prices were rising, and thousands of new businesses were needed. There were several hundred textile mills in New England.

And in Whitinsville, John C. Whitin, not realizing the full import of the event and its influence on the course of his life and the future of the town, had invented a new machine.



Left: Under a temporory shelter outside Storesroom No. 5, tanks were set up and filled with heated Ookite Ruststripper solution. The parts were cleaned in this solution, rinsed in running water, and protected with Rust-Ban. From the left: Harry Segal, Nicholas Serby, Edward Milliken, ond Raymond Duggon

Below: Other ports were brought from other storesrooms for cleaning at the tonks. This particular load was brought from Monchoug for cleaning ond reworking. From the left: Frank Hogan ond Ovila Breault

n the Wake of Diane

Below: Ambrose Guertin, left, and John Lemire truck parts to the Shop for wirebrushing and polishing as William Neulieb keeps track of the records

ITHOUT WARNING, the back lash of Hurricane ne flooded the Blackstone Valley in quiet deadliness with terrible force and power. The rains began on gust 17, 1955, and in a three-day period attained 35 inches—a record rainfall for this area. Old Man mford reached his crest at the Whitin Machine rks at 6:00 p.m. on August 19 when he poured y-eight inches of water over the crown log of the ver House dam.

Vhitin employees caught on the roads that day will g remember that every trickle became a roaring ok and every brook a raging river. During and er the storm Whitin workers fought a grim and entless battle to minimize damage to the Plant. ile Whitinsville was more fortunate than some comnities such as Torrington or Putnam, Connecticut, flood damage was costly. Mr. Bolton has already nounced that damage to the Whitin Machine Works s a quarter of a million dollars. Damage to Town perty in Northbridge and Whitinsville will bring total bill to at least one-half million dollars. On Monday following the flood Whitin was doing

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Diane *(continued)*

There was other damage where few Whitin employees would see it. Where the churning currents flowed beneath building 26 the riprap was lifted from its bed and a hole washed eight feet deep

business as usual, manufacturing machines and shipping machines and parts to customers.

This was made possible by the Whitin employees who labored to control the torrents. Even so, some water entered production, power, and storage areas. On Saturday and Sunday, in No. 5 Crib Storesroom, Production Department employees sloshed around knee-deep in water. As the waters began to recede, Whitin employees sprang into action to salvage the 3474 items soaked by Diane at No. 5 Crib, No. 2 Crib, Manchaug and Linwood. It was a huge task, for each of the items from No. 5 Crib represented from 1 to 10,000 parts, and each of the items from No. 2 Crib represented from 1000 to 100,000 parts. Each part had to be disinfected, cleaned of rust, dried, protected with Rustban, and returned to stock. Speed was important.

Maximum cooperation from many departments brought swift action. Twenty-two days later, after 7000 man-hours of labor, the task was practically completed. In the process Whitin employees wore out six hundred pairs of cloth work gloves and sixty pairs of leather work gloves, and used 8100 pounds of Oakite Rust-stripper powder, 815 gallons of Rustban, and fifteen rolls of chemically treated paper in which parts were wrapped to prevent them from rusting. Only 345 of the items at No. 5 Crib had to be scrapped.

The employees who salvaged the parts and successfully fought the flood waters may well be proud of their work. It wasn't a pleasant task. In the event of another hurricane, Whitin Machine Works hopes that the precautions taken will hold to a minimum any flood damage which might occur.

Whitin's solid dam, built in 1847 suffered only minor damage. A small part of the crown log, the twelve by twelve timber flush with the tap of the new concrete, had to be replaced. Work on the new concrete facing, designed to permit the use of automatic flashboards had started prior to the arrival of Diane. Shown looking at the 1847 date stone is Leonard Brock

The Common Sense of Company Loyalty

HAVE you ever asked yourself these questions?

- What is Company loyalty?
- Where does my loyalty to my employer start—where does it stop?
- What is Company disloyalty?
- What do I gain by being loyal—lose by being disloyal?

These are difficult questions because they deal with a problem which has no ready-made answers . . . because the answers are to be found only in your heart—and your common sense.

Think about these questions . . . work out your answers . . . then check them with the time-tested ideas below—and see if you agree.

COMPANY LOYALTY

Your loyalty to your Company does not involve the intense feeling or moral obligation associated with your loyalty to your Country or family. Simply stated, in common sense language, you are a loyal employee if:

- you give your employer a fair day's work—a full measure of your skill, interest and effort.
- you obey Company rules, support its policies.
- keep confidential material—confidential.
- you limit discussion of your gripes and complaints to your supervisor—and those directly concerned with your problem.
- you enthusiastically "talk up" and support your Company, its products, services, and policies—in public as well as on the job.

COMPANY DISLOYALTY

If you are disloyal to your Company, you:

- loaf, do as little as possible, become a just-get-by artist.
- disobey Company rules, disregard its policies.
- broadcast confidential material, become a rumor-monger during and after hours.
- tell everybody (on the job and on the street corner) about your gripes . . . convert minor misunderstandings into mountains of criticism against your boss and your Company.
- publicly criticize your Company's products, methods, and policies.

WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY LOYALTY, LOSE BY DISLOYALTY?

For an answer to that, ask yourself the following questions—and see if you agree with the common sense answers:

Q: If I'm a loyal employee, will I have a better opportunity to win a promotion?

A: Of course, provided you have the necessary skills, personality qualifications, etc.

Q: If I'm disloyal, do I have a chance of getting more money . . . more responsibility?

A: No! (Granted, if you're clever, your disloyalty may go unnoticed—temporarily. In the long run, you can't win).

Q: Will my loyalty win the respect of the people who work with me?

A: Yes, as long as your loyalty is sincere, not a "Rover Boy attitude" adopted purely to impress the boss.

Q: If I'm disloyal will I lose all of my friends at work?

A: No. You will still get misery-loves-company recognition from fellow malcontents—if that is what you want.

Q: (the most important one)—If I'm disloyal to my Company over a period of time can I seriously harm my personality and destroy normally happy day-to-day living and working?

A: Yes. Your Company is mighty important to you—and you know it. The money it pays you provides food, clothing, shelter . . . pays your medical bills . . . educates your children.

Knowing that, you also know (**if you're honest with yourself**) that each time you accept your Company's paycheck with one hand, while slapping it with the other, you're losing a little of your store of basic decency that is essential to your happiness as a self-respecting person.

Keep it up and you'll become a bitter, frustrated person—disliked by your friends . . . your family . . . and YOURSELF!

As long as you work for your Company, it and your own **self-respect** are worthy of your best efforts—and you won't be guilty of disloyalty to your Company—or yourself.

"If you work for a man, in heaven's name work for him! If he pays you wages that supply you your bread and butter work for him—speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him and stand by the institution he represents."—ELBERT HUBBARD

The Whitin Duplicotor has undergone thorough testing in the product testing laboratory. From the left: Jeannette Morisseau, Technical Director James Hertsch, and Constance Hazebrouck

The Whitin "MASTERLITH"

A New Name—
A New Product—
A New Challenge!

YOU WERE TOLD some months ago of our plans to build an offset duplicator, which was to mark our entrance into the Office Equipment field. Our new machine is now known officially as the Whitin Masterlith Offset Duplicator.

Naturally you are interested in what it is, what it does, its progress and our plans for it.

Offset duplicating is the fastest growing of the office duplicating processes, and is widely used by all kinds and sizes of businesses. In the early 1930's an age old method of making quality reproductions was simplified so that a relatively inexperienced person could do a variety of work without being required to undergo an extensive training period. During the past 20 years the use of the offset process has increased greatly, especially in the U.S.A.

The offset process works on the principle that grease and water repel each other. Chemical refinements have increased this natural repellant action so that the "water" and the ink (grease) used in this process cannot

The new Whitin Duplicator, built by the Whitin Machine Works and sold by the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation, is a copoble and efficient machine. Jeannette Morisseau, shown using the Duplicator, reports that it is eosily operated

be mixed no matter how small an amount of either is present on a plate surface. The fine detail provided by the process makes it superior to all others in quality, and also enables it to reproduce work not possible with other commonly used office duplicating methods.

Originally all work was reproduced from grained zinc plates. Later development made it possible to use aluminum, then paper plates. These plates extended the use of the process many times over. Twenty years ago its only practical use was to reproduce thousands of copies of the same form. Now it can be used economically to reproduce as few as even 10 copies of a form, complete with the information filled in on the form. Such use results in savings of a great deal of time and money. In most instances the application of this method of duplicating provides also better results, and the savings to the user in from one to three years are equivalent to the entire purchase price of the equipment.

At this date several prototype machines have been built and are undergoing numerous inspections, such as tests for quality of reproduction, for tolerances, for ease of operation, and for design and appearance.

It is expected that machines produced by precise manufacturing methods and with all operations governed by carefully built jigs and fixtures, will be ready to market early in 1956.

While this work has been progressing in our engineering and manufacturing divisions, we have been making progress also in establishing sales and service arrangements for the machine's distribution in the field. Then distribution centers will handle also a complete line of supplies, such as plates, inks, solutions, accessories, etc.

We have effected an arrangement with the Gestetner Duplicator Corporation of New York, manufacturers of the world-renowned Gestetner Stencil Duplicator, by which the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation has taken over the distribution and service of the Gestetner products in Chicago, Illinois; Rochester, New York; and Atlanta, Georgia.

These three offices have been set up as Whitin Business Equipment Corporation branch offices through which we shall sell and service Gestetner equipment in those areas. When the Whitin Masterlith Duplicator is available, it will be handled by the branch offices in the same way. Several other sites are under investigation as locations of the branch offices. In Atlanta, Georgia, a new building has just been completed to house the Whitin Machine Works textile machinery sales office as well as to provide space for a Duplicator sales and service headquarters.

We have taken space in the Office Management Association of Chicago's show in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago in February, which is expected to mark the first official and public demonstration of the Whitin Masterlith Duplicator.

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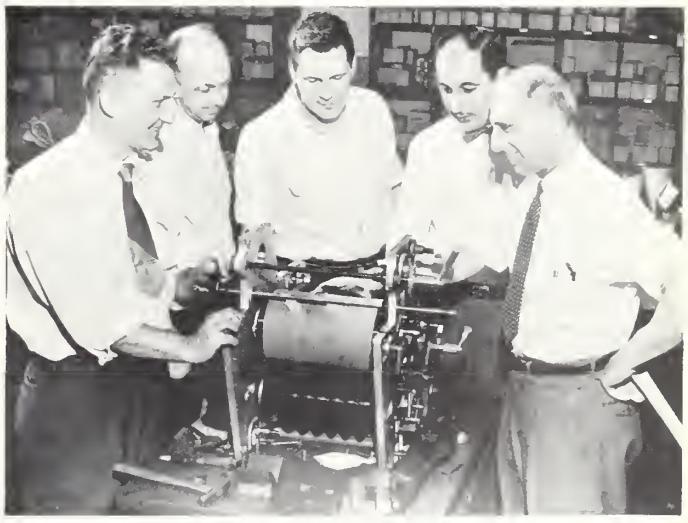
A new product requires coreful design ond engineering. In this section of the Business Equipment Engineering Department, from the left, Armand Cournoyer, Designer, makes a layout; Everett Newbegin, Supervisor, instructs Chester Pielesk, Draftsman; and Max F. Thompson, Manager of the Duplicator Division, checks o finol design chonge with Herbert Andrews, Designer

After the machine is planned, the special tools required to build the machine must be designed. Frank Martin, process engineer, discusses a tooling problem with, from the left, Joseph Christie, Hjolmar Larson, Michoel Feddemo ond James McGuigon



Months of planning begin to pay off. On the right Ira Maghokian, Erecting Floor Foreman, goes over details of the tool model of the new Whitin Masterlith Offset Duplicator with, from the left, Experimental Machinist Joseph Dymek, Inspector Leo Menard, Machinist Kenneth Reid, and Expediter Charles Garabedion

Left: The Gestetner Stencil Duplicator, here operated by Lorraine Levasseur, is another machine sold by Whitin through their Chicago, Rochester, and Atlanta offices. Unlike the Whitin Duplicator, this machine is made in England

Below: Sales personnel must be selected and trained in the advantages of the Whitin Duplicator. Heading the sales force is Sales Manager Richard A. Daaley. He has charge of distribution and sales of all Whitin Business Equipment Corporation machines and supplies

The Whitin "Masterlith" *(continued)*

Our entering this big and growing field is an important step forward for Whitin. It is a field in which we believe there is a very promising future. Our success in it depends on several factors including the ingenuity with which this new duplicator has been designed, and the skill with which it has been engineered, and the careful craftsmanship with which it will have to be manufactured. It will require the best effort of all concerned to insure success.

Above: The Whitin office in Rochester has a fine, central location in the downtown section

Left: In order that we may offer prompt service, offices are being opened in various parts of the country. The Chicago office at 4912 Madison Street is a convenient location with ample parking space

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Many of us were surprised a while back when Mel Calhoun visited our department. Mel is now a sergeant in the Army and had just returned after 2 tours of duty in the European Theater. . . . I also was fortunate enough to meet our retired Foreman Ed Duhamel who sent his regards to all. . . . Dick Schuyler and Job Cornoyer both have been out ill. We hope they will return soon. . . . Jeff Powers' son Dick recently passed two exams in language. These tests are conducted by the Armed Forces so that a selected few are sent to Yale for a special course. . . . Albert, Donald and Richard Girouard, sons of Al Girouard, all belong to Boy Scout Troop 112 in St. James Church, Fisherville. Albert, who is 15 years old, is a star scout and is trying to become an eagle scout. All three brothers will receive a gold cross called the Ad Altare Dei award from Bishop Wright, on February 12. What makes this presentation unique, is the fact that this is the first time that this award is being given to three brothers at one time. . . . John Wisniosk, our department dog breeder, has now also turned sportsman as evidenced by his new scotch plaid cap of a type worn only by sports car and dog lovers.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

That bright new look in our department is due to the new paint job. My request for a "pink and charcoal" office did not materialize. That's right—it's still two-tone green. . . . We wish Henry Kooistra good luck in his new job down at 454. . . . Congratulations to Bob Hopkins who has been promoted to acting assistant foreman. Bob has been in the department for about eight years and is married to the former Alethea Shenton of Whitinsville. They have an 8-year old daughter, Kathy, and live at Plummer Park, Whitinsville. . . . "Never say die" Norman Stanley tried his luck at deer hunting again—this time in Massachusetts. The only thing that Norm caught was a good cold. . . . We're glad to see Dick Nelson back looking so well after his recent operation. . . . Marion Larsen also returned during the month after her recent illness. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to Charlie Roukema, John Solina and Pat Kelley. Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelley.

Most comical sight of the month—Fred Chaffee's Dodge being pushed by a sergeant, a lieutenant and two patrolmen.

CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Benjamin Brouwer

We have three men in our Department who celebrated wedding anniversaries recently. Arthur Bodwell was married for 21 years on January 18, Edward Skowronski for 19 years in November and Frank Ruo, Jr. for 5 years in December. . . . John Bogie, Joseph Brule, and Gordon Walker celebrated birthdays recently. . . . We also have two men who received service pins, Foreman Ken Meader his 30-year service pin and Arthur Bodwell his 20-year service pin. . . . We welcome five new members to our Department. They are Andrew N. D. Sanborn, Gordon Walker, Norman Choiniere, Francis Reneau and Lester Wilcox. . . . Some of our men are driving new cars, Kenneth Meader, Frank Ruo and Alfred Nygard have brand new ones while Francis Reneau, Arthur Bodwell and I have to be satisfied with new used cars. Mr. Nygard tops us all with a big Buick. . . . We of Department 441 hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Congratulations to Harold Johnson who was presented his 20-year pin by Mr. John Cunningham and Mr. Donald Sangster. . . . The welcome mat is out this month for Lillian Roberts, Wilfred Boulanger, Mabelle Coleman, Anita Bilodeau and Mary Goyette. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Aldea Peterson who is on sick leave. . . . Department 451 held their Christmas party Saturday night, December 10, at the Klondike Inn. Accordion selections were rendered by Joseph Martin and we also had an orchestra for dancing. Many invited guests were present and a good time was had by all. . . . Birthday candles were lit this month for Albert Dix and Louise Mousseau.

On Saturday, December 10 the personnel of Department 450 and their spouses motored to the B&B Night Club in Johnston, Rhode Island for their second annual Christmas Party. The good food and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Plans are now being made for next year's party. . . . Birthday greetings for December go to Alan Blizard, Harry Malkasian and Carl Bosma. . . . Thomas Schotanus and Carl Erickson are new members of Department 450.

GENERAL MACHINERY

by Ken Harrington and A. R. Frueh

Roy Waterman has purchased a second-hand panel truck. . . . The Oscar for

When Emil Schmidt, Department 470, retired on November 11 after 15 years of service, he received from his associates a wallet containing a sum of money. Emil plans to live in Florida

As a group of Whitin and government employees watch, Phil Dion, packer, slide the final item on the Loki program into the shipping container. From the left: Foreman Thomas Stevenson, Government Inspector Avon Meyers, Supervisor of Defense Contracts Harry Drinkwater, Government Inspector Violet Lanciault, Group Leader Joseph Gniadek, Assistant Foreman Lea Tosoonian, Night Supervisor Harry Bedigian, Inspection Supervisor Peter Vandersloot, Divisional Superintendent Robert Stewart, Expediter Richard Walker

this month goes to Leo Mullen. It was a three-way tie going into the last week of the month, but Leo won it by a one-point vote. . . . Happy birthday wishes this month to Lucy Ross, Hector Roy, Harry Carlson and Ken Harrington. . . . It is also the 23rd wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Harrington.

We hope that all the members of Department 423 have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. . . . Henry Nelson didn't get any of that deer meat that Pete Babowitch had. . . . We welcome to the job Marcel Pouliot, formerly of Department 411 and Robert A. Riccuiti who is replacing Stan Ziemba in the office. . . . Best wishes to Hector Roy who is leaving the department for a new job. . . . John Megerdichian received his 20-year service pin from Mr. John Cunningham who congratulated him on his long service. . . . Ovide Rojotte received his 5-year pin.

A Christmas Party was held at the Club Embassy in Woonsocket. One of the highlights of this affair was the formal unveiling and presentation of the "Oscar." We hope to have a picture of the "Oscar" for next month's SPINDLE. Plans are in the work to have it displayed in a conspicuous place in the department.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

Personality of the Month: We are starting with the most senior member of the department and want you to know Abraham Mustafa. He is better known to us as "Abbie." Abbie was born in Turkey and came to this country in 1912. He has resided at 31 N. Main St., Whitinsville, for 34 years. He came to work at Whitin Machine Works July 15, 1919. His job is sorting castings. Abbie and his wife Bertha have two children. Their son Victor has been in the Navy for fifteen years. Their daughter Sylvia works at the A&P and is married and has a 12-year old son. When Abbie has any spare time he relaxes at the Armenian Club.

Congratulations to Gerald Demers who received his 5-year pin. . . . Joe Usher took his son on a hunting trip. We were all expecting a nice deer steak, but Joe didn't have any luck. The deer must have had advance warning. . . . Birthday greetings to Sidney Zuidema who was 67 years old November 28. He is a grinder of small parts in the cast iron room. . . . Roland Tardie has left us for service in the Navy. He was tendered a farewell party by the members of the department at the I. T. U. Lounge in Woonsocket, R. I. We all wish him the best of luck. . . . We welcome back Roger Deshaires who returned to work after four years with the Air Force. . . . Toros Touloujian, George Omar and Mrs. A. Bourgeaois received 10-year pins.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality of the Month: Joseph White who was born November 16, 1901 in Whitinsville, attended Northbridge public schools. He started to work January 10, 1925, on the Packing Job and has been there ever since. In June, 1932, he married Florence Rondeau in Linwood. They have two children, Ronald and Sandra, both students at Northbridge High. "Joe" likes most TV programs, especially sports, for he is a great sports enthusiast.

The Freight Office Christmas Party, preceded by parties at the homes of Rita Turcotte and Chester Farrar, was very successful. Entertainment was provided by Elwin Elliott and Rene Picard. Clarence Bisson acted as Santa Claus. The party broke up at a late hour. . . . It's great to see Albert (Monty) Montgomery back to work after an absence of several weeks. . . . Angelo Arciero is back at work. . . . Wilfred Brochu dislocated his collar bone. . . . "Pat" Desjourdy and "Ed" Duggan are now recuperating at home after being in the hospital. . . . Members of our department sporting new cars are Lorenzo Noel, Oldsmobile 88 Holiday; Raymond Gourd, a new Plymouth; Rene Picard, a Chevrolet. . . . "Ed" Stochaj went shopping and forgot to put money in the meter. He will not let it happen again. . . . Helen M. Conway and Mary E. Hayward received their five-year service pins. . . . Chester A. Farrar and Albert Thibeault received their fifteen-year service pins.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

We welcome to the Ring Job: Armand Therien, James Gorman, Edward Marier, and Lucien Paquin. Hope you like it here, boys. . . . Our dreams are about to be realized. In a short time we will have one of the finest lighted departments in the Plant. We deeply appreciate this timely contribution to our working surroundings and while some will say, "It's about time," we have the lights at any rate. . . . Birthday greetings to Fred Brown, Bill Fogarty, Bill Malley, Albert Bouchard, Arthur Lawrence, and James Gusney.

Stella Damarjian and Richard Lemay are still on the sick list but both are home now. . . . And oh yes! Mrs. Richard Lemay (Annabelle to the old timers) is with us after a few years' respite.

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ERECTING

by Dorothy Benson

We welcome Juanita Manyak to the office staff. Mrs. Manyak recently moved to East Douglas from Bangor, Maine. . . . Congratulations to Clarence Prouty who received a 20-year service pin on December 14. The presentation was made by General Superintendent John Cunningham. . . . Birthdays are being celebrated this month at 427 by Dan Panu on January 9, Vic Ziemski on January 17, Clarence Prouty on January 23, and by Red Murray who will be 61 on February 2. Red has worked at Whitin off and on for 43 years . . . Happy anniversary to Vic Ziemsk who is celebrating his 19th on January 21. Best wishes, also, to Foreman Bil Lyman who will be celebrating his 16tl anniversary on February 22. Crib 1

welcomes Elaine Grehoski and Pauline Beaudoin. Pauline was transferred from No. 18 Storesroom. Elaine replaces Sandra Postma who recently became the bride of Robert Rutana. . . . A welcome, also, to Charles McKeating who came across the seas from Ireland.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Ann Black

Department 666—Mr. P. B. Walker's Office: It has been quite some time since our department was last represented in the SPINDLE. However, in the months to follow, we are planning on having an interesting and "newsy" column each month. . . . We have three new faces in the office: Katherine Taylor, who is substituting for Chesterline Dion; John Jessen, recently retired from the Navy; and Nicholas DeVries, who was transferred from the Guard Force. We welcome each one of the above and hope they will be with us for a long time to come. . . . Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 3rd at the Publick House in Sturbridge. A fine meal was enjoyed by everyone. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Walker show some of his fine films that he had taken on vacation.

Department 668—C. M. Higgins: Two of our "sportsmen" were successful during the current deer hunting season. Joe Limolli bagged a 163-pound doe and Ed Harvey a 180-pound buck. . . . "Shorty" Greenwood is sporting around in a brand new "Chevy" pickup truck.

Department 661—J. Chiras: John Campbell has left this group to join the Air Force and is stationed in Texas. We wish "Jack" lots of luck. . . . Mike Bikes can tell that old "deer yarn" about the one that got away.

Department 664—W. Scott: Everyone was saddened by the passing of Andy Romanis, a veteran of 35 years service with the Company, a good share of which was spent in this department. "Andy" had been retired the past two years but dropped in quite often to say hello to everyone. . . . John Connolly is back with us after a stay at the hospital. John had an operation on his knee, but is on the mend now.

Department 660: We welcome Stanley Krula to this department. "Stan" has become a member of the supervisory staff.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Belated anniversary greetings for the month of December are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sokolowski who celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on December 31. Walter spent a week with some friends hunting and says he shot forty-one "coons." . . . I hope that by the time this is printed that Bill Todd's dog "Becky" has fully recovered from her ear operation. I gather from the way Bill talks that it will be a race with his wife to see whether the dog will be made a hunting dog or pet? . . . Birthday greetings for the month of January are extended to our "one and only" Arthur Gauvin on January 29. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of January to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barney on their 45th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berube on their 29th anniversary on January 8. Arthur will complete fifteen years with the Company on January 7. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Gauthier will celebrate their 16th anniversary on January 27. . . . Emma Philbrook, our inspector, has been out sick. We all hope she will be on the road to recovery at the time we go to press and be back working again in the year of "56." . . . Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fitton on December 24, their first. Ray is also sporting a "56" Dodge which he received on New Year's Day. . . . Bill Such received his 20-year pin on December 14 from Mr. Cunningham. . . . Hope Frank Mancini, our planner, is feeling better and returns soon. He has been out with a virus.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschel

Personality of the Month: Francis W. Veau is the foreman of the Annealing Room. He began his "term" with us in the fall of 1936. Previous to this, he worked at the Bolster Job and in the Yards. He has a total of 22 years at the W.M.W. Born in Whitinsville, he attended the local public schools. . . . Francis is an active fireman; always willing to climb a post, tree or roof to rescue the family cat. He is an ardent sports-car enthusiast, as well as a rabid Red Sox fan. He is married and has two sons, Richard and Robert.

Departmental News: Nick DiMarco received his 10-year pin and congratulations from Mr. Donald Sangster. . . . Vernard "Chief" Tracy and Leo Boisvert went hunting again—this time to New Hampshire. Nick DeLuca went also, but to South Holly—From what I hear they caught a good cold and possible frostbite, but as for "game"—WOW! the ones that got away! . . . Donald LaRoche, "Moose," is sportin' round in a new Mercury. . . . Nick DiMarco has started on a new project in his wood-working hobby—As you know, Nick has a beautiful speedboat, which he built . . . now it's water skis, to go with it. . . . Welcome back to the following who were on our sick list recently—Bert Kroll, out sick at the Memorial Hospital for seven weeks; Brendon Donovan and Henry Lamontagne. Oh, yes! me too. I'm happy to say I returned from the hospital (no, not mental!) and everything is "kopasetic." . . . We wish to send sincere wishes and the best of luck to "Bill" Woodcock, foreman of 409, who is recuperating at the Deaconess Hospital, after an operation. Get well and come back soon, Bill. A Merry Christmas was had by all—Happy New Year!

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

About the only news we've had time to uncover is the names of the newcomers, who are very welcome in this rush. The only local new man is Jack Young; the others are Ken Campo and Gerry DeJordy of Northbridge, Ernest Thivierge of Woonsocket, Joe Lacroix of North Smithfield, and Joe Cutler of East Douglas. . . . Belated birthday greetings are extended to Ralph Nolet, Gerry DeJordy, and Joe Lacroix for their December birthdays, and for January, greetings go to Jack Young, Paul Grenon, Ken Campo, Joe Cutler and your reporter. . . . On December 14th Paul Grenon received his 20-year service pin from Mr. John Cunningham.

When "Chet" Rymeski resigned as night supervisor he received a smoking stand from the Foundry night crew

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor and Dick Benoit

Many happy returns of the day to Bill Linkow. . . . Anniversary congratulations this month go to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rutana and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cutler. . . . Little did we realize that we had an actor in our midst, until we picked up the morning paper of November 25. There appeared a picture and article of Maynard Krull, who starred in the leading role of "Poor Papa." This play was held in the High School Auditorium on Thanksgiving Night. After a little delving, we found that "Mike" has played the leading roles of several plays. Congratulations Maynard, and I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to your next performance.

Honors for huntswoman of the year go to our own Bea Cant. Of the many hunters and sportsmen, Bea is one of the very few who brought home the venison. (P.S. It was a present.) . . . Recently, Dick Benoit enjoyed a week end in Florida. He flew down in a four-place Beach Craft. Dick was the pilot. They landed at St. Petersburg, Florida, and made a tour of that historic old city. The plane almost ran out of gas, but Dick was able to make a landing in Sarasota. I am told that they had to use automobile gas, but in spite of this difficulty, he managed to arrive back home in good old cold New England. . . . Congratulations and best wishes this month to Al Benson on receiving his 20-year pin and to Al Meservey who is now a 15-year man. . . . Proving that kindness to animals pays off—Louis Rutana adopted an orphan dog some months ago. With kind treatment and good care, the dog and Louis have become constant companions. . . . Ken Stanley had the misfortune last month of a trailer truck trying to park in the trunk of his pert '55 Ford. Ken was unhurt but there was some damage to his car. . . . Roland Graves and family spent their Christmas week end visiting friends and relatives in Michigan.

On December 17, at Chicken Pete's in Milford, Research Division had their annual Christmas party. And what a party! The food was excellent, the music superb and everyone was in the holiday mood. We all agreed that it was the best party ever. Some of the vocal selections rendered by our own boys will long be remembered. Favorite song of the evening—"Allouette." . . . It's so long and best of luck from all of us to Bill Lundgren, who has left W.M.W. and has accepted a position with Marcus Mason in Westboro. . . . So now it's a brand new year. . . . May it be a happy and prosperous one for us all.

CARDS SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Arthur Gravel has left us to go to work in Connecticut. . . . We welcome Robert Nydam and Ovila Gagnon to our department. It's nice to have them with us. . . . Charles Hookstra and Eugene Kurowski have been discharged from the hospital. We hope to have them with us soon. . . . Pvt. Frederick W. Thompson was made Pfc. and is now stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. He is the son of Dorica Thompson. . . . Birthday greetings go to Donald Corbeille, Leo Drainville, Joseph Gravel and Mary Paul.

"Every now and then Alec likes to get off by himself and think things out."

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Personality for this month is Joseph Goulet who was born in Worcester in 1894. He was educated in the Worcester schools and has worked at a variety of jobs such as sawmill work and road work. At the age of nineteen Joe became a professional wrestler. He has trained and wrestled with such big names as John Connors, Kid Lucier, and Kid Lee. At one time he defeated Ed Boushane to become the lightweight champion wrestler of Rhode Island. He served in the Armed Forces during World War I and saw active duty in France. He came to work here in 1942 on Department 422. His favorite hobby is raising chickens, of which he has about one hundred. Joe is married and makes his home in Blackstone with his wife and two children, Arthur and Richard.

We welcome the following to our department: Celia Kelliher, Yvonne Suave, Clarence Aldrich, Bernard Gervais, Walter Dumas, Raymond Therous, Bertrand Seneeal, Carroll Gile, and James Colton. . . . We're happy to see Kirby Hall back with us once again after being out on sick leave. . . . Those celebrating birthdays this month are: Walter Lanagan, Eugene Jolin, Adelard Boulanger, Stephen Jionzo, Joseph Goulet, Sylvio Brunette, David Buma, Jacob Feddema, Horace Breault, Earl Spindel, Charles Robinson, and Ferdinand Rossman. . . . Celebrating anniversaries are: Leon Atteridge, John Hutnak, Arthur Bourassa, Jacob Youngsma, Patrick McCudden, Joseph Bartlett, Horace Breault, Edward Kozlowski, William McCarthy, Roger Ladieu, and Edmund Gerber.

PLANER AND PUNCH JOBS

by Raymond Woodcome

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. . . . Andre Labbe was presented his 20-year service pin in December.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

George Colt became ill last month and was rushed to the hospital. At this writing he is still confined to the hospital but is very much improved. George is really missed on the job, as he is a happy go-lucky fellow. Incidently George spent some thirty years in the navy. . . . The Reverend James A. Deery, pastor of St Patrick's Church, has been elevated to the title of Monsignor—a most deserved promotion. Hearty congratulations. Presently, he is on a short visit to Rome. A testimonial dinner will be given in his honor on January 18, in N. H. S. Gym . . . Bob Pouliout, our night supervisor was the recipient of a minor injury at his home. . . . Alfred Jacobs went deer hunting when the season officially opened, but came back without getting a peep at deer. This didn't discourage Jake, as he went right back a couple days later. "don't give up too easily" says Jake. . . New faces this month include, Norman Lortie, Bernard Boulanger, Edward Boulanger, and Rene Cousineau.

This year we are expecting big things of the SPINDLE. Every bit of news, big or small, means a lot in attaining this goal. This is not one person's magazine, it's our to make the best book in its field. Do your part to help make it bigger and better this year! Happy New Year.

Congratulations to Paul Larosee on his new job in the Cost Department. Paul has worked with us for ten years. He was presented a purse from his co-workers by Lois Heerdt. Paul owns his own home and lives on Sycamore St. in Millbury with his wife and two children, Richard and Brian. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Boover and their two children, Michael and Paul left for Englewood, California on December. Bernie has worked in the plant nine years, eight years of that time on Department 41. He was active in the boy scouts and served as scout master of Troop 24 in Uxbridge. He was awarded a purse from his co-workers by Bob Pelletier.

Dave Gray bought a new Buick—we new to him anyhow! He's been driving Pontiac. . . . Congratulations to Cliffo Goyette and David Buma who receiv their 30-year pins, to Alec Gray, Gra

Devries, and Aime Dion who received their 20-year pins, and Frank Berkowitz, Arthur Bourassa, Anthony Bellione, to Aime Henault, Wilfred Rivet, Stephen Jionzo, John Kennelly, and Walter Abramek who received their 15-year pins.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

We are all glad to see Joseph Beaudoin and Leonard Baldwin back at work after being out ill. Leonard's son George, who was employed in Department 427, began active duty with the Navy in November and is now serving on the *U.S.S. Salamonie.*

Alfred Guilbault, our personality for this month, has worked with us since December 16, 1946. He is well known on the job for his jovial nature and is usually the life of the party on our bus trips to Boston or elsewhere. He is married and lives on Lincoln Street in Millville with his wife and their three children, Morris age 20, Ida age 17, and Lorraine age 4. His favorite hobby is attending ice hockey games. Naturally his team is The Rhode Island Reds and he is very happy at the way they are going this year.

James Daley, second shift timekeeper, has returned after a month's absence during which he was a patient at Memorial Hospital for surgery.

January being the month for resolutions, here are a few that were made by some of the men and women of Department 416—John Quigley: No more free billiard lessons for David Fekkes. Simone Roy: Leave home for work five minutes earlier. Norman Sutterland: Use hand creams for those soft white hands. Stephan Bombara: Drop the Rail Bird Club, join Red Sox fans. Mary Whalen: Wash and polish that new Dodge every week end. Russell Palmer: Stay awake during the noon hour. Arthur Jackman: Cut down on smoking, king size to regular. Nicholas DeLucia: Eat just one lunch in the morning. Nicholas Colonero: Eat just one lunch in the morning. Joseph Popek: Eat one lunch in the morning. Wilfred Bouchard: No more dog races, buy more golf balls. Raymond Duhamel: Be a little less critical of the Red Sox. Owen Flood: Win a few quarter bets from John McCaig on the TV fights. Chester Roaf: Make sure his cow does not pull up stake and leave for parts unknown while he is at work. Benoit Briere: Choose a new baseball favorite, instead of "Freddie Boy!" Yours Truly: Try to spell all names correctly. Apologies to Joseph Chicoine for error in November issue. Those above and all others: Please resolve to make known to your writer at least two months in advance, coming parties, trips, anniversaries, or any news that will help in putting together the column from your department.

Happy workdays to the following who started with us during the past month: Robert Stratton, Harold Sherman, Albert Pernini, Harold Rivers, John Wilburn, Harrison Young, Hubert Dextraze, Robert Orr, Charles Krause, Robert Carrier, Joseph Noel, Robert Blanchard, Sheldon Davis, Leonard Dansereau, Gerald Farquhar, Raymond Lepine, Raymond Brissette, William Oparowski, Nelson Southwick, Lucien Lambert, and Otis Jolly. Garabed Harabedian, who left us recently and lives in California, has written to his pal William Lynch and wishes to be remembered to all of his friends on the job. He is well and wishes we could all enjoy the fine California weather. You may write him at 338 Callisch Street, Fresno 21, California.

Dick Davidson, Ray Fullerton, and Ken Greenwood attended the fall meeting of the Forest Products Research Society in New York City

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

My hat is off to Andy Frieswick who did a good job in catching a race horse named Mary Piper which broke lose from Oakhurst Farm. With the assistance of Lolly Kane, Andy Fitzgerald tied him with a rope. The trainer and an apprentice jockey had been searching for the horse for over two hours. They were pleased when they found the horse in good condition and in good hands. . . . Pete Prymak shot two deer this year—one in Massachusetts and one in New Hampshire. . . . Erle Simmons has three new men: H. Gervais, A. Jaroma, and A. Pulhrin. Charlie Commons also has two new men: R. Eaton, and R. Jolly. We welcome these men. . . . The Garage has had a lot of illness in their department: Joe Pendergast and John Grocki at this writing are in St. Vincent's Hospital; Chester Roaf is back after a touch of the grippe; Albert Ducharme is out with a sprained ankle; and John McNely is back after an arm injury. . . . Archie Bolivar had a nice assortment of Christmas trees this year. He bought them from Nova Scotia as usual.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: George Gauthier was born August 4, 1899, in St. Victoire, Canada. He attended school there and worked on his father's farm until he came to the United States on April 20, 1923. At that time George started work in the Wuskanut Mill in Farnumsville. He settled in Farnumsville for 25 years. In 1943 he started work in Whitin Machine Works in the Foundry and Core Room. He stayed there only a few weeks and was transferred to the Box Job, where he worked until 1954. He was then transferred to the Wood Pattern Shop. He married the former Mary Boucher on May 15, 1947, and since then has lived in Northbridge. George's main hobbies are flower gardening and sports. He likes to work around his home on the lawns and flower gardens. His chief interests in sports are of the spectator type, mostly baseball and hockey.

We are pleased to hear that Paul Richardson, who was hospitalized for some time with a serious case of bulbar polio, has returned and is recuperating nicely. He is the son of David Richardson. We are also glad to hear that Dana Newcombe, son of L. Earle Newcombe, is recovering from his several sessions at the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery. . . . Birthday greetings to David Richardson. . . . It has been a source of satisfaction to this reporter that, since the installation of the parking meters in town, a parking space is usually available if her prowess as a driver is not challenged too much by the honking of horns and the dirty looks of the impatient male drivers. Imagine her chagrin recently when, after parking neatly in a more than

George Gauthier, Wood Pattern personality, is shown with Mrs. Gauthier on a visit to Montreal. George enjoys coring for his lawns and flowers

Jacob Wiersma, Internal Transportation personality, and Mrs. Wiersma have six children

adequate space, she found nothing but a ten dollar bill in her handbag. Searching furtively for a solution, she spied a meter directly in front of her with an hour left. She also noticed parked in back of her a man and a child whom she did not recognize. It seems however he did recognize her. Anyhow, by dint of sheer determination she edged out another unsuspecting but puzzled female driver from the spot in front, only to discover the next day that her ungentlemanly friend in the rear was Jimmy Shaw who enjoyed the proceedings so much that he spread the story all over town with embellishments. This of course is an unbiased (?) report of the actual occurrence.

FLYER JOB

by Eva Labrecque

George Plitouke recently took a trip to Washington to see his son who is in the Air Force. . . . Archie Ledue's wife has returned to work in the shop. . . . We are happy to learn that Mrs. George Vear is feeling fine after an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital. . . . During the deer hunting season we all expected to get a piece of deer meat from "Kell" Swecnie but he did not have any luck. We will have to be content with hamburg and hot dogs. . . . "Hoot Mon!" What a proud man Jim Cunningham was Christmas morning when he wore the Cunningham plaid tie Santa sent him all the way from Bonnie Scotland.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

Core Room: First, we wish you a very prosperous and happy New Year. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit H. Ebbeling who have just celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. . . . We are happy to have Alfred Lajoie back with us again after several weeks of illness. . . . We welcome Donald Kafalas, Romeo E. LeBlanc and J. Iver Johnson. . . . We are also glad to have Norman Gendron back with us again. . . . One of our benchmen, Ovila Brooks, had a goat and two rabbits, and decided to trade them for two geese but his wife became so fond of the geese he decided to go out and buy a turkey. . . . Our congratulations to Francis Shugrue on receiving his high school diploma. . . . Foundry Superintendent Raymon Meader presented Arthur Roger Arpin with his 15-year pin on December 7. . . . The Core Room held its annual Christmas Party Friday noon, December 23. It was enjoyed by all. Zeigi Buczynski was in charge.

Foundry Production Control: So long to Thelma Daubney and Jack Kelly of Foundry Timekeeping and welcome to Bob Paul and Tom Bardell. . . . Welcome to Doris Shaw and Jennie Galas. . . . Ross Mowry received his 20-year service pin last month. . . . The Foundry Production Christmas Party was held December 23 during the noon hour, under the leadership of Shirley Benjamin and Ruth Gile. Mrs. Walker of East Douglas catered. Joke gifts were exchanged by all.

INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION

by Bill McGuire

Personality of the Month: Jacob Wiersma was born in Holland in 1906, and came to this country in 1922 with his parents. In 1930 he married Nellie Lafleur. They have six children: Nancy, a registered nurse; Kenneth on a farm; Louis in the Air Force; Bernard in the Army in Korea; Clayton and Charlotte in school. Jake is a very likeable fellow, always full of fun, who will smoke all the cigars he can get. For several years, Jake owned a goat farm on Highland Street but sold the farm a few years ago and bought the house on North Main Street, where Mrs. Wiersma was born. Jake worked here a few years, then left. He came back and has been here this time for sixteen years. He worked in the Foundry and the Core Room before working in Department 407. Jake is a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Town and does much for the Christian Reformed Mission in Worcester. He has been a member of the Blood Donors Club since 1942, and has given twenty-two pints of blood to this blood bank. Jake's time outside the Shop is well taken up with church work. His hobby and side line is house painting and interior decorating.

Lionel Henault and Pat Devaney have both been in the hospital. Lionel is back at work, and our best wishes to Pat for a speedy recovery. . . . John Lemire and Francis Boucher have been deer hunting. John saw a deer and got three shots at it, but no deer. Francis did wound a deer, and followed him all day, but no deer. Ernest Garneau is coming back to Department 407 from Department 660.

Helen McGregor of Tayport, Scotland, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scott. She will be in this country for six months

CUT-OFF AND STEEL FABRICATION JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Now the holidays have passed, we wonder what is in store for us in 1956. Whatever it is I sincerely hope it is the best ever. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lemire of Department 410. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rutana, who were married recently in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville. . . . Birthdays were celebrated this month by: Pat DeBellis, Ovila St. Germain, Richard Flinton, Frank Zayonc, Armand Beauchemin and Gaston Menard. . . . New employees include: Aldor St. Germain, Gustave Vanhouwe and Wilton M. Phelan.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Congratulations to Harry Cornell and Arthur Taylor; each was presented his 20-year service pin in December. . . . To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fournier, twin sons David and Donald, born in November. The proud grandfathers are Fred White and Archie Fournier, Sr. . . . "Davy Crockett" Bromley trapped a wild mink last month. He brought the animal to the Shop to prove his story. . . . Hugh Brown, who recently retired, visited his friends on the Card Job last month. . . . Mrs. Helen McGregor, a visitor to this country from Tayport, Scotland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Scott of Whitinsville. Mrs. McGregor is impressed with the friendliness of Americans, and is surprised at the abundance and variety of food available in our markets. . . . We welcome to our department: Jacob Winiarski, William Nelson, Cecil Pendleton and Kenneth Hebert. . . . Birthdays celebrated in January: Sidney DeJong, Jake Haringa, Arthur Taylor, Joe Gauvin, and Arsene Racicot. William Beaudoin, Jim Strachan and Arthur Taylor celebrated wedding anniversaries.

PICKERS AND WINDERS

by Roger Brissette

As our departments have not had a column in the SPINDLE for sometime now, I'm taking a "wack" at reporting. In order to have a monthly column, you must help me out. All I'm really here for is to gather material and hand it in. Remember, it's you people that are the reporters and news makers. So let's get "newsy" and start the reports coming in. . . . For this month, we have many new faces in Department 421. Leo Blanchard, who lives in Mendon, is a veteran of World War II. Leo was formerly a retail salesman. George Mooradian lives in Whitinsville. He is from Department 427. David Faneuf, of Slatersville, formerly was with the Industrial Tool and Machine Co. John R. Pate, of Pascoag, R. I., comes to us via Pratt-Whitney. Rudolph Petrin, of Woonsocket, who has worked in this Department is back with us again. Last place he worked before coming back was the Porter Shoe Co.

William O'Brien, "Obie" to us, received his fifteen year pin last month from Mr. Robert Stewart. To you, Mr. O'Brien, our best wishes too. . . . Leo Tourin of Department 421 recently shot and killed a 200-lb. bear. All that steak and a rug too, Leo!! . . . John Brezniak, an ardent fan of the Holy Cross football team, can't find any good excuse for the defeat handed to them by the University of Connecticut. . . . Ben Verney acting as a guide to friends in New Hampshire, reports that the mountains in the Presidential Range are all topped white just like whipped cream on an ice cream sundae. . . . Abel Lortie acquired a new 1955 Chevrolet-Bel Air. . . . Charlotte McKee is the new stock clerk in Department 421 office. . . . Henry Pontbriant is making doll furniture for his little granddaughter Gail and is getting the usual advice on "How to do it" from the young lady. . . . Frank Adams, feeling fine again, is back to work after a long period of illness. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blanchard, and Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien celebrated their tenth wedding anniversaries. . . . Hector Suave has some collie pups he will give to any persons that will provide a good home for them. . . . Last month a fire started in the exhaust system on the Picker Job. Within minutes firemen arrived and soon had everything under control.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Personality of the Month: Robust and jovial Ross Rajotte of the Paint Job was born in the town of Northbridge and educated in the public and parochial schools. Ross has a military background of which he may well be proud. In 1937 he joined the Army Reserve and in 1939 the National Guard Unit of Worcester. He entered the Army on active duty in 1941 and was

Al Couture, Bob Couture, and Joe Limolli returned from a hunting trip to the Berkshires with two does and a pig. We know they bought the pig

discharged in March, 1946. He served in the 141st Infantry and the 714th Engineers, was wounded twice in Italy and twice in France, and received the Purple Heart with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver and Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Unit Citation. He was married in Normandy, France, on September 15, 1945, to Christine DeBlampair. They have a daughter Evelyn, age 9. Ross is active in civic and veteran's activities. In 1952 he was appointed a notary public by Governor Paul Dever. He is a member of the G. O. C. and Civil Defense Units in town. His interests include fishing, swimming, hiking, horseshoe pitching, ping pong and badminton. He lists among his hobbies gardening, photography, pigeon raising, visiting historical land marks and monuments, and writing poems. Ross also is a big help in gathering Paint Job news for this column.

Members of Department 431A and their wives held their Christmas Party at the N. V. in Uxbridge on December 15. A turkey banquet was served. Lucien Paulhus as M.C. introduced the entertainment, all Job talent: Christmas songs by Dorsey Devlin and Tony Petrillo, poems recited by Jimmy Gibbon, an Irish Jig by Neil Horan, duet by Bob and Arlene Campo, imitations by Paul Madigar, Comedy Sketch by Eddie Horan, jitterbug act by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lachapelle, Christmas carols by the Harmony Ten (John DeBoer, Claude and Marco Bolduc, Gene Picard, Sal Saccoccio, Tony Petrillo, John Rumonoski, Ed Brouillette, Allan McCrea and Ray Malloy). An exchange of gifts was followed by an address by Selectman Paul P. Rutana.

The Department 413 bowling league finished with the Yankees (Tony Petrillo, Jim Fisher, Frank Gucfa, "Pippay" Rainville and Claude Bolduc) sharing top honors. The Tigers finished a close second with the Pirates and Dodgers rounding out the league. Tony Petrillo had the high average with 93.7 while Ray Malloy had the first half high single of 133. . . . Ken Greenwood, Dick Davidson and Ray Fullerton attended the annual fall meeting of the Forest Product Research Society in New York. . . . Leo Leduc, who recently had his knee operated on in the Marian Hospital in Providence, is expected to be at home for about six weeks. . . . Gilbert Quist, who is thinking of running for constable in Millville, is an ex-Marine and is the huskiest man on the Paint Job. . . . Henry Laviemodierre, an expert on erection of stone buildings and walls, is expecting soon to become a 4th degree member of the Woonsocket Council K. of C. . . . George Vincent, a new painter, is the fourth George in the department. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Nuttall celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family gathering on Thanksgiving week end. . . . Val Yargean and Art Leffierre, deer hunting in New Hampshire, tracked for miles on what they thought was a deer trail only to have a native inform them that they were in an old sheep grazing ground. . . . Jimmy Fisher, newly-appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 413, recently received his 15-year service pin from Divisional Superintendent Robert Stewart.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Bob Couture killed a 145-lb. doe in Berkshire County. . . . Joe Rosol, William Larochelle and Alfred Milano hunted deer in New Hampshire two week-ends without luck. . . . Phil Skillen observed his birthday December 3. . . . Adam Vrabel, tool maker, had the thrill of a lifetime when he rang in a fire alarm box for a chimney fire at one of his neighbors. . . . Fred Gammon won a beautiful large doll in a raffle. He gave it to Fred Rondeau for his little girl. . . . Congratulations to Harmon Miedema on completing his six-months' probation and becoming a full-fledged fire-fighter. . . . Welcome back to Henry Kooistra as a jig maker after being on Department 424 for the last 15 years. . . . Welcome back to our own Alice Emery who has returned as timekeeper after a very successful operation. . . . Congratulations to John Torosian, night supervisor, on receiving his 15-year service pin, and to Lucien Lefebvre, scraper hand, on receiving his 15-year pin. . . . Phil Ferraro killed a 186 lb. 8-point buck at the summit of Jacob's Ladder on the Mohawk Trail. Albert Trajanowski says that he can get the use of the P.A.C. Club for the night shift Venison Supper. . . . Edward Kane, Sr. has been elected to his second term of President of the Southern Mass. Police Association. . . . At this writing Arthur Damon has been out sick for ten weeks and has just had another extension on his sick leave. We hope that Arthur is back with us soon.

Charles "Rusty" Malkasian, Chuck Job personality, likes sports and is well-known as a Little League and Intermediate League coach

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

This month's personality is Roland Lambert who was born in North Uxbridge on September 24, 1926 and who lived there for twenty-two years. He now makes his home at 309 Main Street in Milford. He spent thirty-two months in the Army and part of his service time was at Fort Benning, Georgia. After his discharge Roland came back to W.M.W. where he has accumulated twelve years seniority. He has two hobbies: baseball and hunting. This year for the fifth year in succession Roland went deer hunting and for the fifth year came home empty handed. The Gear Job will have to wait until next year for that venison supper.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Personality of the Month: Charles Malkasian, better known as "Rusty," was born in Whitinsville in 1916. His family moved to Newton, Mass. in 1927 where Rusty attended grade school, and completed high school with high honors. Charlie then attended Newton Trade School for four years, taking up a machinist's trade. However, he did not neglect sports while attending school. He played baseball and basketball, receiving letters in both. Rusty's folks moved back to Whitinsville in 1935—the year Rusty entered the Whitin Machine Works. Rusty completed the I.E.A. shop course. His first job was working for Bob Marshall. After one year, Rusty was made set-up man in the drill section and later departmental set-up man. Under Foreman Leon H. Barnes, Charlie became group leader. After the war he became supervisor of Department 417, the position he now holds. Charlie received congratulations and a 20-year pin from Mr. Cunningham on November 17. His outside activities are in the field of sports. He was assistant manager of the Whitin Machine Works baseball team, one of the original coaches of the Little League, and now is manager of the Braves team in the Intermediate League. Charlie lives at East Street with his wife, Rose, and his son, Paul. Rusty's ambition now is to see Paul graduate from St. John's Prep in Worcester, and enroll at Holy Cross College.

FOUNDRY

by Joe Guidi

"Chuck" Lachapelle has recently completed his apprentice training. His new job is finisher on the new 1500# Herman machine. . . . Andre "Charles Atlas" Lessard is always buying cokes for the boys on his machine. . . . News came from the No. Smithfield V.F.W. that Art Tessier, one of our boys, was the Santa Claus at their annual Christmas Party.

We congratulate the following men who recently received service pins: 15-year pins—Robert Hoisington, Ernest Sprague, Bassyl Kozak, Albert Thibault, and Albert Guillaume; 10-year pins—William Burroughs; 5-year pins—Joseph Latourelle and Leo A. Pelletier.

The new year has arrived and my efforts to make this column one of the largest are failing. I received six volunteers to assist me in collecting news for this column. These men are Art Tessier, Red Delorme, Jerome Rodman, Austin Carter, George Morandi and Armond Houle. Give either me or any of these men your news or pictures. Let's make this column one to be proud of!

ROLL JOB

by Bill Lavallee

We congratulate Edward Kmiotek and Frank Rutana who received their 20-year pins from Mr. Cunningham in December. . . . Leo Rice is doing good work inspecting for us. . . . Who are the lucky, lucky people to have their birthday come around the same time as did the snowfall. They are: Robert Burnett, William Lavallee, Albert Muchant, Israil Ovian, John Rutana, and, last but not least, Jack Wynja.

Stanley Rutana, Roll Job Personality, possesses musical talent. He is a bachelor

While fishing in Florida, Frank Shugrue, Foundry supervisor, landed this barracudo

We feel honored that we have a fine musician in our department. Floyd Brothers enjoys playing the guitar and singing. We think everyone will agree that he has a fine hobby. . . . Marion Isabelle was fortunate she wasn't injured when her furnace blew up. . . . Our department is very proud that the bowling team average is 95 for the year. We congratulate Chet Flinton who has the highest average of the team. . . . Wildred J. Biron has left the shop to take a position elsewhere. . . . We congratulate Ed Driscoll who has been working here for 60 years. He started in December 2, 1895. . . . We also congratulate Lefty Gomez who received his 10-year pin from Mr. Sangster on December 5. . . . Get-well wishes were in order for Donald Gosselin who has returned from St. Vincent Hospital. . . . It is nice to see Albert Gardner back from a long illness. . . . Harold O'Connell has returned from the hospital and is now in good health.

Personality of the Month: Stanley Rutana was born in Whitinsville on May 22, 1916. He started in our shop in 1933. He now lives in Whitinsville. He likes music and sports and, during the summer months, enjoys the comfort of his camp at Laurel Lake in Douglas.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Hunting topics are the big subjects in the department. We have 3 or 4 deer hunters but at this writing no venison has been eaten as yet. Joe Prior, Henry Forget, Paul Mintoft and Rollie Wilson are the nimrods in question. . . . Dick Zibell has a new Oldsmobile. . . . Looks like one of those "no news" months. . . . A Happy New Year to all.

SPINDLE JOB

by James Robbins and John Visbeck

Welcome back to Beatrice Jarvis who was hospitalized for three weeks. . . . One of our inspectors, Carrol Gile, was transferred to Production recently. We all wish him good luck on his new job. . . . By the time this issue is printed the holiday season will be over and Jack Pichette says he won't be sorry. Jack is a little overworked as he is a drummer in a three piece orchestra and about three nights a week Jack has to bang out a beat. . . . We welcome back Albert Bishop after a long absence. . . . William Revets received his 20-year pin on December 14. . . . A happy and prosperous new year to each and every one.

MAIN OFFICE

by Marlene Willard and Gloria Frabotta

Hello to everyone in our New Year 1956! May it prove to be a very happy and prosperous one for all. . . . Edna Bergquist and her husband Harold, attended the wedding of their son, Lt. Robert, to Marcia Johnston in Washington, D.C. November 24. . . . Among our office friends who spent their Thanksgiving holiday away from home were Arlene Buker, Helen Gilroy, Betty Graham, Florence Tupper, and Norman MacIntyre. A group of eleven girls, whom we will title as "The Birthday Club," enjoyed themselves one noontime during Christmas week when they went out to lunch and got into the holiday spirit by exchanging gifts. The greatest part of them delved into luscious plates of spaghetti, while the remaining enjoyed tempting plates of fried chicken. . . . We are sorry to report Evelyn McNamara's recent illness, and are glad that she is now well and at her job again. . . . What happened to our annual hunter, Kermit Bickford? For the second season since we've been reporting, we have to write that he came home empty-handed. We again want to wish him luck for next year.

"... and I *do* hope you'll consider joining the girls' basketball team in Plant 4."

Here once again are the bowling league standings as the news goes to press:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

STANDINGS

	Wins	*Losses*
Team #1 (Ann McDonald).....	32	12
Team #3 (Fran Guertin).....	26	18
Team #4 (Marion Bosma).....	26	18
Team #2 (Chris Bosma).....	4	40

Although the birthday roster for this month is indeed a very small one, we extend a big wish for many happy returns of the day to Mary Galleshaw and Everett Johnston. . . . Last month most of the members of the Main Office attended a noon hour Christmas Party catered by Mrs. Walker.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

For sale, one slightly used deer head! Contact Carolyn Salatiello of Machine Accounting for details. Carol's dad had this "what-not" hanging in the living room of his home for years. Recently the room had been done over and, for reasons unknown, Carol became the proud recipient of the unclaimed merchandise. . . . The Howard Cooks celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on November 22. . . . Machine Accounting members met at Bronzo's in Worcester, December 8, for a Christmas outing. . . . Bertha Bernier of Statements received her five-year pin, October 29, from Supervisor John Parker Shaw. . . . Birthday greetings for December to Edith Allen, Bill Hall, and Shirley Sweet. . . . Cathy Reeves of Payroll Computation has been appointed treasurer of the Wishing Well to fill the vacancy created by Isabelle Kasparian's moving into Fred Garcelon's office. . . . Bill Hall, supervisor of Payroll Computation, received his fifteen-year pin from Henry Bailey on December 9. . . . We welcome Walter Anderberg of Milford to Timekeeping in Department 404. . . . F. M. Brown, supervisor of Timekeeping, has switched from a Chevy to a Buick. . . . Jim Burke has been to Chicago in connection with the Whitin Business Equipment Corp. . . . Phyllis McQuilkin of Budgets is convalescing at home after surgery in Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester. . . . Shirley McNamara of Cost has been filling in part time in her absence. . . . We welcome Helen Swanson of Upton to the Budget Department. . . . The Whitin Male Glee Club entertained members of the Southern New England Textile Association at the Hotel Narragansett in Providence, December 9. A program of Negro spirituals, carols, and Broadway hits was warmly received. . . . The Works Accounting Division held a Christmas party at Gus' Tavern, Nasonville, R. I. on December 17 with music by Johnnie Witek's orchestra. . . . Payroll Computation, Statements, Budgets and Timekeeping combined for a noonday Christmas catered luncheon, December 22 with an exchange of gifts.

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Joyce Rondeau

The Welcome mat is out this month to Peggy Thompson and Rita Baillargeon. Peggy was formerly employed at the Whitinsville Library, and Rita was transferred from the Masterlist Department. . . . The office Christmas Party was held December 22 during the lunch hour with Mrs. Walker catering! . . . We wish Herb Lightbown the best of luck! Herb has retired upon reaching his 65th birthday. . . . Chet Walker has taken Herb's job as liaison between Masterlist Department and Repair Department. . . . Happy birthday this month to Elmer Benton, Adam Davidson, Carol McCrea, Marion Merchant, Joanne Miedema, and Charlie Pearson.

Mr. Cunningham presented 20-year pins to Donald Crosby and Arthur Roberts. . . . It's good to see Andy Vierstra and Joe Chabot back at work. Andy was hospitalized with a sore back and Joe was on sick leave for four months. . . . Everett White, known as "Whitey," almost lost his Thanksgiving dinner. Whitey had brought home two live roosters to keep until the "big day" when he intended to kill them. However, the day before, his children felt sorry for the roosters, opened the gate, and the roosters "flew the coop." Whitey retrieved his Thanksgiving dinner but the birds gave him a good run for his money. . . . We welcome Phyllis Van Dyke and Hazel Caya to the 418 inspection bench.

Florence LeBeau, Cost Department personality, is known to her friends as an outstanding cook

MYSTERY PHOTO—From the left, front row—Sidney Dufries, Henry Dufries, Irving Dalton; rear row—John Dufries, Harry Mass, and Bill Brown shown as they looked forty years ago. On the right is a well-known Whitin employee shown at the age of eight years. The flag is a definite clue

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

As we step forth into a brand New Year, let us first welcome Mildred Amoro of Whitinsville into our midst. . . . You have often heard of pheasant under glass, but have you ever heard of partridge through glass? That is just what happened one quiet Saturday morning at Roy Benner's house, when a wild flying partridge made a crash landing through a kitchen window. . . . Beatrice Gauthier's husband Leon shot two deer. He has been eating deer hearts for breakfast. What a man! . . . When Jim Shaw turns to baking a cake he puts his heart and soul and sometimes more into it. His wife found a missing plastic spatula imbedded in her serving of his delicious chocolate cake. . . . Telix Richard attended a banquet in the grand ballroom of the Bancroft Hotel to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Worcester Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants. Max Thompson, past president of the Worcester chapter, and Mr. Stoddard, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Wyman-Gordon Company, were the guest speakers. . . . Carl Dupree has become the proud owner of a 1956 DeSoto. . . . Congratulations to Dick Hanny on receiving his fifteen-year pin.

Personality of the Month: Florence LeBeau, the personable young lady in the Card group in this office, first saw the light of day in East Douglas. She was graduated from Douglas Memorial High School and worked for Hayward Schuster Company before joining the W.M.W. staff. Florence, married to Armand LeBeau in 1941, now lives on Main Street in East Douglas, although she spent a short time in Texas where her husband was stationed with the Field Artillery. . . . Since joining the office force five years ago she has made many friends throughout the shop. She is a member of the Fisherville Circle of D. of I., the Catholic Women's Council, and the Canasta Club in East Douglas. Florence's flair for the culinary arts is

appreciated by her friends who have enjoyed her many tasty snacks. When not busy baking for friends, she knits or makes ceramics with beautiful and satisfying results. She has a large collection of china dogs and many lovely china cups. As pets she has a cat, a dog and a parakeet.

Birthdays this month were celebrated by Marion Metcalf, Margaret Vincent, Ted Fronczak, Gordon Curtis, Norman Deragon, Armand Plouffe and Tom Altoonian. . . . Marion and Bill Metcalf observed their 10th anniversary.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

The annual Production Department Christmas Party was held December 10 at the Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club. This was the largest party the department ever had with about 120 people attending. The party started with a roast beef dinner catered by Codman of Dorchester. The dinner was followed by dancing and entertainment, and, as usual, the evening came to a close much too soon. It was apparent that everyone had a real fine time and a great deal of the credit must go to Jack Gilchrist, Sid Smith and the members of their committee who devoted a great deal of time and effort to make sure that the party was successful and enjoyable.

We are very happy to report that Irving Lightbown has returned to work after his lengthy bout with polio. . . . Another "returnee" from this sick list is Doris Kellaher who was a patient at St. Vincent Hospital for a couple of weeks. . . . Congratulations to the following personnel upon being awarded service pins recently. To "Russ" Mowry, "Mossy" Murray, "Eddie" Rice and "Bernie" Adams went 20-year pins, to Robert Ferry a 10-year pin and Elsie Baxendale, Robert Conley, Arnold Gelinas and "Ray" Duggan 5-year pins. . . . Hector Chausse was most unhappy over the fact that some people confiscated his personal Christmas tree (even tho' he came to be possessor of the tree by mysterious means). Hector thwarted a second attempt by the Master Route Section to pilfer the tree when he attached to it a length (20 feet) of good solid chain. The tree in question was a table model about 18 inches high, so the chain was most adequate. . . . Our bowling team (remember they started the season with such a bang) has had some rather rough matches these past few weeks. It looks as if we may have to "wait 'til next year" again.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Don Amiro

Lynn Richardson is a happy grandfather these days. His little grandson, Paul Richardson, is bounding back to health after a serious attack of polio. . . . Gordon L. Spence has moved into his new home at Shaws Corner on Hill Street. . . . Carl Porter recently received his 15-year pin. . . . Alden "Babe" Rosa and Francis "Frank" Fleener have left Wage Standards. Babe is now with Plant Layout and Francis is with Telechron in Worcester. Babe was presented with a Parker 51 pen by Edgar Haworth in token of his long stay in this office. . . . John Romasco has had a bout with the virus. He is back at work after nearly two weeks' absence. . . . Carl Porter has been appointed to the American Legion National Committee of Counter-Subversive Activities. . . . Wage Standards had a Christmas party at noon on December 22. A catered lunch was prepared by Mrs. Walker of East Douglas. . . . Birthdays for this period were observed by Elizabeth Brown, W. Edgar Haworth, Leland Higgins, Carl Porter, Joseph Sampson, Leonard Skerry, Harley Simmons, and Sidney Swart.

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

I trust everyone had a jolly good time at Christmas and will reap many benefits during a very happy New Year. . . . Have you seen Larry Haymen in his new Nash Rambler? . . . Paul Wheeler reported for rehearsal with "Peanuts" Johnson's Touring Minstrels to prepare for their Christmas program. . . . Earl Mason got dressed up to have dinner at Putnam & Thurston's. He enjoyed the meal, left the table, and as he approached the door a young couple, assuming him to be the head waiter, asked him for a table for two. Earl was speechless—but it's a thought in case he ever needs a job.

We sincerely hope by this reading that Lou Chapman is back at work again. Lou has been ill. . . . Lydia Hickey slipped and sprained her ankle. I'm glad to report that she is now well.

Happy birthday this month to Archie Bolivar, Jr., Kurken Garabedian, William Neulieb, James Shaw, Joseph Smolinski, Joe Bouley and son Brian, Julia Skeary.

WHITIN MACHINE WORKS BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of Dec. 14, 1955

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost
1. Planer Job	41	11
2. Repair Office	37	19
3. Freight Office	36	20
4. Electricians	28	28
5. Roll Job	28	28
6. Production	25	31
7. Office	24	32
8. Apprentices	23	33
9. Spinning	22	34
10. Master List	12	40

HIGH TEAM TOTAL (5 MEN)

1. Freight Office	1619
2. Planer Job	1576
3. Production	1546

HIGH INDIVIDUAL TRIPLE

1. V. Gervais	359
2. Z. Dagirmanjian	353
3. A. Davidson	350
3. M. Ezzo	350

HIGH TEAM SINGLE (5 MEN)

1. Freight Office	581
2. Electricians	542
3. Office	541

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SINGLE

1. Z. Dagirmanjian	148
2. H. Cant	137
2. T. Wilga	137
3. V. Gervais	132

To Everett Swenson of Methods and Mrs. Swenson, a son, Linn Everett, 8 lbs. 10 ozs., at St. Vincent Hospital on November 26.

To George Shaw of Methods and Mrs. Shaw, a daughter, Kathleen Elaine, 9 lbs. 9 ozs., born at Hahnemann Hospital on November 15.

To Lewis Smith, Wage Standards, and Mrs. Smith, a son, William Bruce.

To Leopaul Gamelin of Department 448, and Mrs. Gamelin, a daughter, Theresa Lucille, at Whitinsville Hospital on December 3.

To Bruce Vacey, Stock Room No. 8, and Mrs. Vacey, a son, Bruce F. Vacey, Jr., in December.

To Dominic Bombredi and Mrs. Bombredi, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 4 oz., Donna Marie, in Worcester Memorial Hospital on November 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Hurst, Jr., twins, a son and daughter, on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robillard, a 9 lbs. 8 oz. son, Ernest Alfred, in Woonsocket Hospital on October 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Saccoccio, a son, James, at Whitinsville Hospital on November 22.

To Edward Falardeau, Department 429 and Mrs. Falardeau, a daughter in Woonsocket Hospital.

The engagement of Mary Ann Scott of Lovejoy, Pennsylvania to Sgt. Gary Paul Trottier, formerly of Crib 5, has been announced.

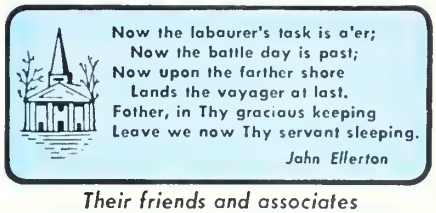
Albert Lucier, Department 429, and Mrs. Lucier were married at St. Augustine Church, Millville

The engagement of Nancy Maynard of Millbury to Richard Jette, apprentice, has been announced. A spring wedding is planned.

Albert Lucier was married to Miss Frances Polny in St. Augustine Church in Millville.

Nancy Todd of Machine Accounting and Harold Porter of East Douglas were married in Worcester on November 26.

Lt. Robert L. Bergquist, son of Edna Bergquist, telephone operator, was married to Marcia Johnston in the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church, Washington, D.C.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Alphonse Dion, Linwood Division, on the death of his father.

Henry Charron, Department 410, on the death of Mrs. Charron.

John Julian on the death of his sister, Mrs. Rose DeMarco of Quincy.

Arthur Damon, Department 454, on the death of his sister.

Norman MacIntyre, Main Office on the death of his mother, Mrs. Maybelle MacIntyre.

Friends and relatives of Arthur G. Clark, 77, retired Whitin employee and former Whitinsville resident, who died in Worcester City Hospital on November 24.

Survivors and friends of Ernest C. Smith, 75, of 24 Maple Street, retired Whitin foreman, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on November 20. A native of Bromley, Kent, England, he had resided in this community for 52 years.

Relatives and friends of William J. Spencer, 49, of Lincoln Street, Millville, a Whitin employee who died at Woonsocket Hospital on December 10.

Family and friends of Antonio F. Romano, 70, of 18 Yale Street, Uxbridge, who died at his home on November 17. A native of Italy, he was a retired welder of the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of Bernard Roche, formerly employed in Department 408, who died recently.

William Nulty on the death of his brother.

Harmas Dion and his grandson, Donald Dion, on the death of Francis Dion on November 19, 1955.

Hector Sauve on the death of his mother on December 7, 1955.

Mary Britton on the death of her brother.

Sydney Mason on the death of his brother, Frederick of Wakefield.

Dean Perkins, Flyer Job, on the recent death of his father-in-law in Enfield, Maine.

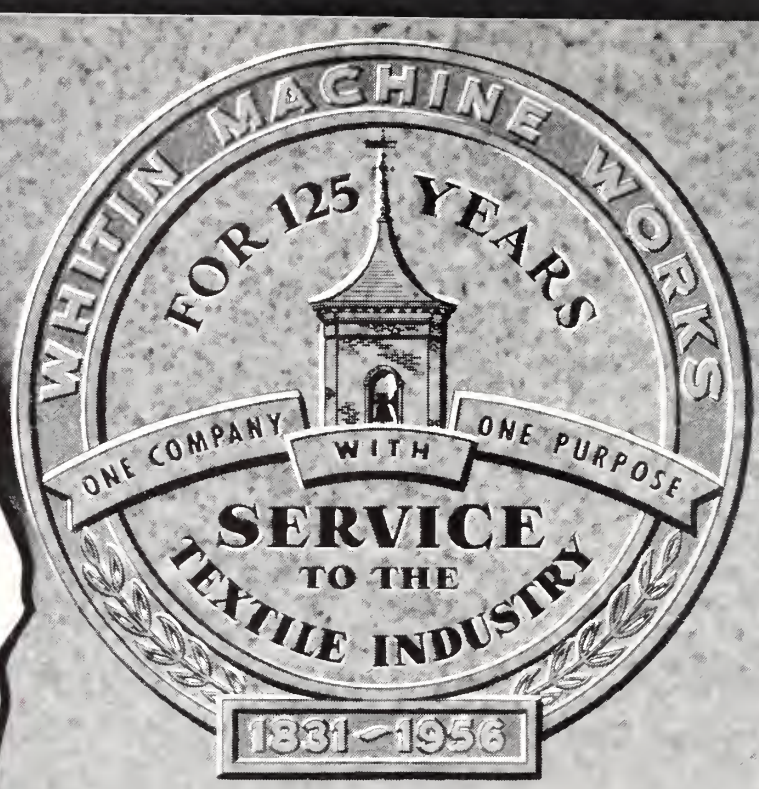
Joseph Grenon, Department 423, on the death of his sister.

Frank Nastor, Department 436, on the death of Mrs. Nastor on November 11.

Relatives and friends of Exauvier Peltier who died recently.

Family and friends of Henry Berube, formerly an Assistant Foreman of Department 409, who died recently.

Kenneth Crossman on the death of his father-in-law.



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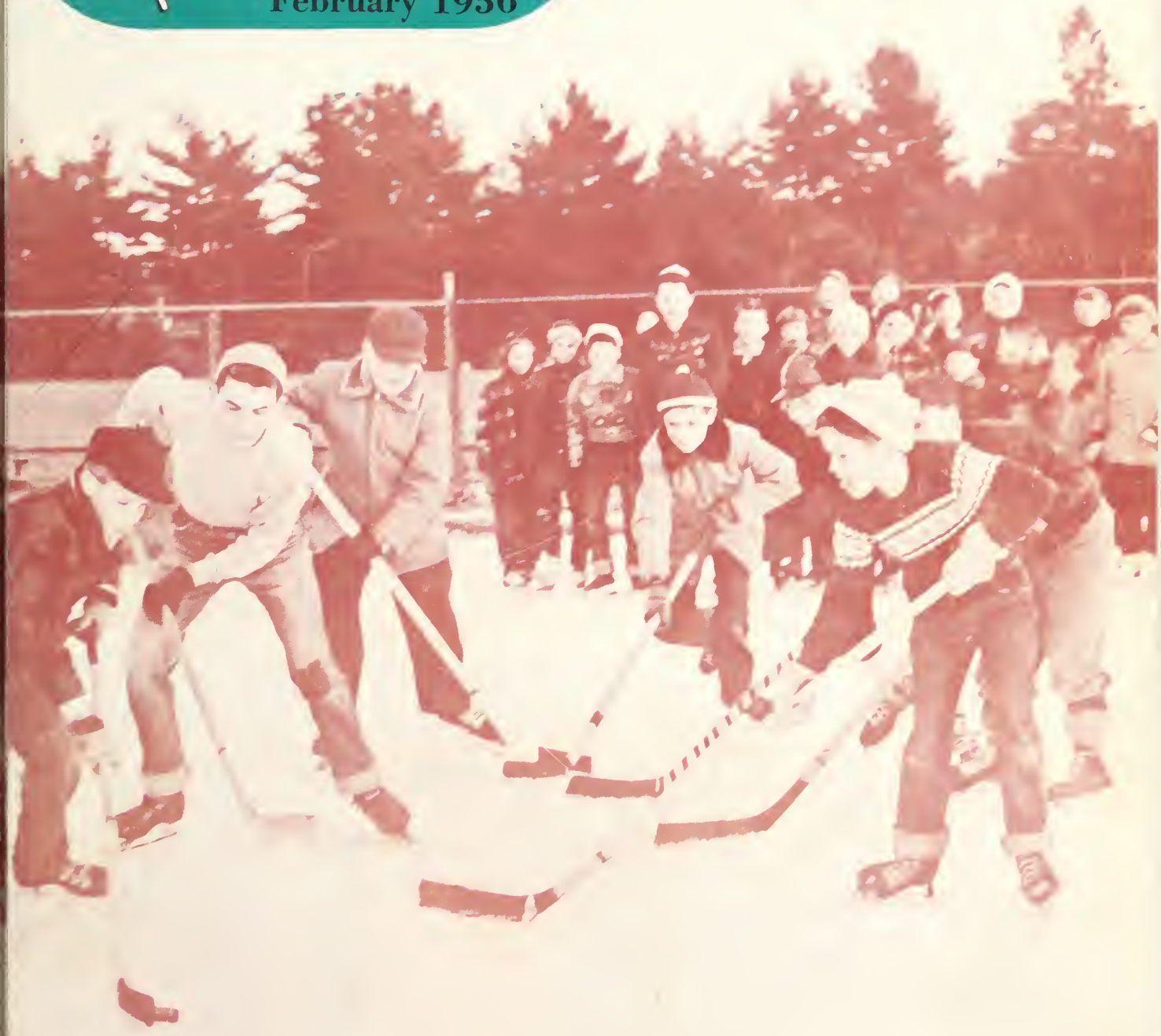

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Gerard Larochelle has worked on the Ring Job since starting here in 1923. Mrs. Larochelle is an inspector on the Card Job. They live in Northbridge

John Gjeltema, Bolster Job, has nine sons o two doughters. He lives in Whitinsville o has worked for Whitin since 1926. I hobby is deep sea fishing

"Spindle" Reporter Dorothy Benson is a stock clerk for four departments. She lives in East Thompson, Connecticut and enjoys reading during her leisure ot home

Reporter Dorico Thompson hos been w Whitin for 13 years. She is married, li in Uxbridge, ond has two sons and t daughters. Her hobby is knitting

Leland Allen, o Cupola Spout Operator in the Foundry, was a molder for 31 years. He lives in South Sutton and has a son Jim who is employed on the Gear Job

Albert Perry, Spindle Job, came here in 1936. Mrs. Perry is o secretary in our Advertising Department. They have one daughter and two grandchildren

Albert Bowyer, of the Spinning Erec Floor, started with Whitin in 1927. He born in Oldham, England and he has doughter and five grandchildren

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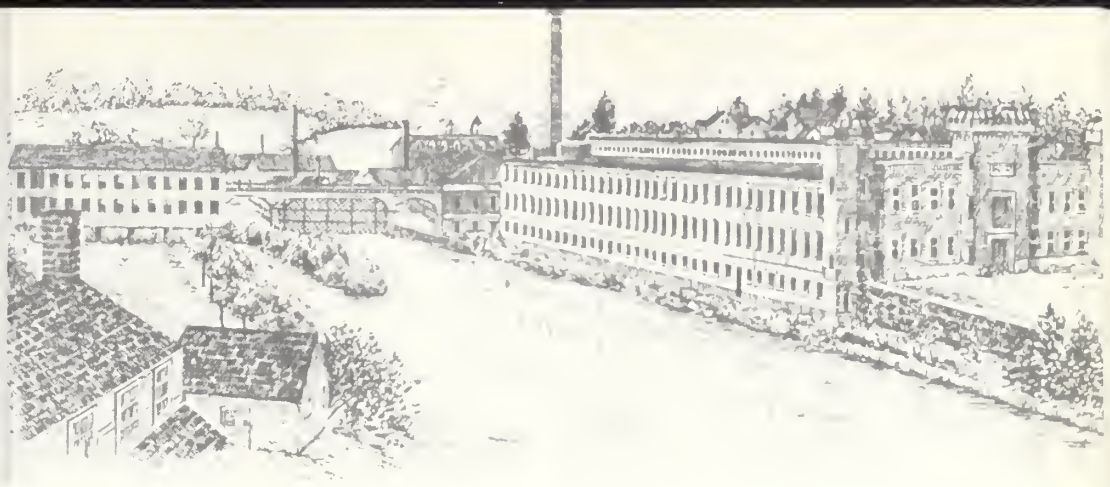


The shop that John C. Whitin built in 1847 is still an integral part of the Whitin Machine Works

A Great Textile Tradition

CHAPTER II . . . . . .

The Whitin Machine Works grew from the repair shops of the textile firm of P. Whitin and Sons. The second chapter of our story considers the interval between the time John C. Whitin invented his first machine and the time when the manufacture of textile machinery became an important part of the business.

GEOGRAPHY has largely shaped the history and growth of our town for, since colonial days, its people had been drawn to the banks of the tumbling Mumford River whose waters turned the wheels which operated forges, sawed lumber, and ground the grains grown on nearby farms.

When John C. Whitin was twenty-four years old, Whitinsville was a typical, unhurried, rural Yankee village. The stern Calvinists of the area, to paraphrase William Butler, may well have felt that doubtless God could have made a more beautiful country, but doubtless God never did.

In the entire township of Northbridge there were 1050 people—one inhabitant to every ten acres of land. Most of the inhabitants lived a rigorous, healthy life of laborious routine. People took it for granted that everyone had to work—men, women, and children. Because men were needed to work on the farms, roads, canals, and in the quarries, work in textile mills did not attract many men. As spinning and weaving had always been done in the households by women and children, they came in from surrounding farms to work in the mills and to take advantage of this unexpected chance to earn money. These villagers looked upon the mills as an opportunity to escape from the drudgery of farm life and a chance to achieve economic independence. Living and working conditions in Northbridge were good. (This is often forgotten today by persons who have heard only of the terrible conditions which existed in European mills.) John C. Whitin began work in a Northbridge cotton mill at the age of nine years.

In 1831 Whitinsville was called South Northbridge. Then it was that John C. Whitin, ablest and most dynamic of his family, called in (after his father's death) his brothers, consulted with them and his mother, and decided to relinquish his position as superintendent of the family's two cotton mills to concentrate his efforts on the repair shop. His partners were willing, for the success or failure of the entire family enterprise depended on the ingenuity and skill with which textile machines were built and repaired. Had John not made that

As he prospered, John C. Whitin built an imposing home on Hill Street

Many Whitin machines were shipped by sailing vessels from Providence Harbor. This is a view of the Providence waterfront about 1849

decision, Whitinsville today might well be only one more semi-abandoned New England mill town.

The major portion of John's work in the early years was keeping in repair all of the machines of the family mills. That he did so is evidenced by the fact that the mills prospered, became crammed with busy spindles, and that, as the years passed, additional mills were acquired until there were six, not counting the old Whitin & Fletcher Mill which John was to take over as a shop in 1845. These included the two Whitinsville Mills, the Uxbridge Mill, the Riverdale Mill, the Rockdale Mill, and the Douglas Mill.

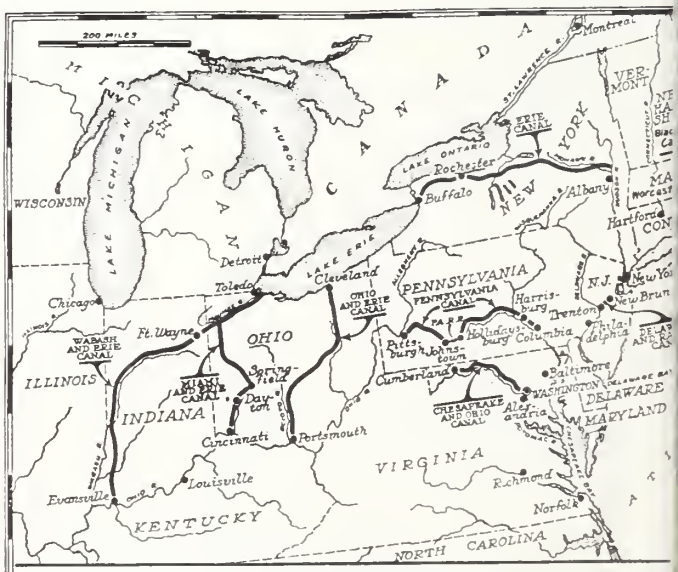
Now the picker that J. C. Whitin had invented was so superior a machine that it was not surpassed for twenty years. By word of mouth, the news passed that the pickers made by P. Whitin & Sons were the best—and the world began to beat a path to the tiny repair shop. As early as 1834 sufficient orders had been received to warrant a steady production of a machine a month. This volume was too much for the tiny space in the old mill, so John built a machine shop, now long-vanished, "next to the 1809 dam, between the Northbridge Mill and the river." We know of this building only from one old undated map and references in deeds of the period.

In 1835, South Northbridge officially became Whitinsville. That year John manufactured three pickers a month; by 1836, six pickers a month. John's shop, an integral part of the family business, employed about eleven men, and, in 1839, sold about $26,000 worth of machines. Business was good enough so that the wages of each of the partners were raised to $19 a week in 1840, with all remaining profits plowed back into the business. Both the textile manufacturing and machine manufacturing sides of the family business quickly outgrew their quarters.

And life went on in Whitinsville. The older people resisted when, for the first time, the Congregational Church was heated by a great wood stove. In general the local population paid no attention when the Millerites, the followers of William Miller, proclaimed that the world was going to end on March 21, 1843, although the sale of cotton sheeting, in demand for "Ascension robes" was brisk. The office of "constable and collector" was sold to the lowest bidder. One year John Slocombe bought it for $3.00 and another year for $1.50. The first Whitinsville library, a collection of 250 volumes, was established over Dudley Bros. Store in December of 1844. The town was divided over the question of whether a school teacher, an early "fresh air fiend," should be allowed to keep the schoolhouse windows open in winter.

Now up until this time in our story the Town, the Company, and John himself were doing well in a small way, for there had been little competition. In 1845 the British repealed the Act of 1774 which for nearly three-quarters of a century had barred the exportation of English-built textile machines to America and other countries. In the years following this repeal, English-built pickers flooded the country and the sale of Whitin-built pickers declined.

John met this competition in two ways. First, he expanded his manufacturing capacity at the same time



PRINCIPAL CANALS IN 1840

When the train from Providence pulled into the Worcester Depot it was met by stagecoach and express wagon

he family's mills were expanded. Secondly, he placed dditional machines on the market. Both decisions had n almost immediate effect on both Company and Town.

In the period 1844–1847 there was almost constant uilding. In 1845, when John took over the entire "old ill," the present Research Division was built as a otton mill to replace the space taken over by John. n 1847 John built what then was one of the largest achine shops in the country, a building measuring 02 feet by 306 feet (biggest in country was 315 feet). his building, as may be seen from the illustrations, is ill an integral part of the present Shop.

Beginning perhaps as early as 1843, John began the anufacture of additional types of machines—cards, ailway heads (forerunner of the drawing frame), spinng frames and looms—enabling him to offer a diversied line of machinery to the Mills. Although the records re obscure, he is thought to have been the first manucturer of a commercially successful ring spinning frame.

John's enlarged Shop would employ about 100 men—nd there were neither enough men in Whitinsville not ready engaged in other work nor was there housing vailable if families had been willing to move here. The otton mills also needed employees. Therefore, in 1847 Whitin & Sons began building attractive dwellings n Pond Street, High Street, and West Water Street. hese pleasant homes attracted nearly all available orkers from the surrounding countryside and also, for e first time, the names of Irish immigrants began to ppear on the payrolls of the Company.

In 1848 the wages of each of the partners were raised $32 a week. In 1849 the sales of textile machines ossed $85,000. At a time when there were only irty-three states in the Union, Whitin sold machines mills in twenty-one states, Mexico, and Canada. As ompany and Town had grown in stature, so had John—e clever inventor had become a production genius ossessing almost incredible business acumen.

Lumbering oxen drew his machines to the canal or ilroad. For mills along the eastern seaboard, Whitin achines were shipped by sailing vessel from Providence, usually to New York for transshipment to other sailing ships. Machines were carried by steamboat into the interior of the country, either up the Hudson or up the Mississippi. Canals and railroads were widely used also. Where there was a mill desiring machinery, Whitin found a way to deliver.

Geography again in 1850 affected the history of the Company. In the nearby valley region of Connecticut a group of rivers—the Quinebaug, the Willimantic, the Shetucket, the Yantic, and others—flowed southward into the Thames River estuary. There, at the estuary and near the present sites of New London and Groton, many new cotton mills sprang up. Whitin then had, not only plant, personnel, and products, but also a nearby expanding market.

An important local waterway was the Blackstone Canal which connected Worcester and Providence. This canal was of particular importance to the Whitin Machine Works in bringing in raw materials as well as shipping finished products. Sketch shows a canal boat entering Worcester

Sidelights

ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF 1834-1850

(Excerpts from the "Massachusetts Spy."
Courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.)

J. S. SPEAR,
The Old Indian Doctor,

TAKES this opportunity to return thanks to the citizens of Worcester and vicinity for the liberal share of patronage which he has received for the last seven years in his extensive practice. He also feels highly gratified in having the pleasure of informing the public that he is prepared to refer to a large number that have been cured of Consumption, Cancers, Humors, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Gravel, Tumors, and Nervous affections.

GREAT SALE OF WOOLLEN MILLS.—We learn that the manufacturing property of the late firm of W. & D. D. Farnum, situated at Waterford, Worcester co., was sold at auction on Tuesday, by Coolidge & Haskell. This is the largest woolen establishment in the United States, with the exception of the Middlesex Company in this city. It was purchased by Welcome Farnum, Esq., the surviving partner of the firm, and one of the most successful and enterprising manufacturers in the country. The price paid for the property was two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and although this may seem large, we are told that it is considered far below its real value. A large number of woollen manufacturers, from various sections of the country, were present at the sale. *Lowell Courier.*

PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD. We are glad to perceive that the friends of this project are again stirring in the matter, with a determination, *now*, to carry it through. When we compare this route with others, on which it is proposed to build roads, and for which charters were asked at the last session of the legislature with the assurance that the stock would, at once, be taken up, we are surprized that it should have been suffered to rest so long as it has already done. The banks of the Blackstone, from this town to Providence present almost a continued village, and we doubt whether any unoccupied route in New England can furnish near so large an amount of local travel and transportation. We entirely concur in opinion with the writer of the annexed communication, that now is the time for prompt and vigorous action in the premises, not only by the inhabitants of Providence and Worcester, but by those on the route and its vicinity.

MATRIMONIAL MAXIMS FOR MARRIED MATRONS. The following maxims, if pursued, will not only make the men in love with marriage, but cause them to be good husbands: The first is to be good yourselves. To avoid all thoughts of managing a husband. Never try to deceive or impose upon his understanding, nor give him uneasiness, but treat him with affection, sincerity and respect. Remember that husbands, at best, are only men, subject like yourselves to error and frailty. Be not too sanguine, then, before marriage, or promise yourself happiness without alloy. Should you discover anything in your husband's humor or behaviour, not altogether what you expected or wish, pass it over, smooth your own temper, and try to mend his by attention, cheerfulness and good nature. Never reproach him with misfortunes, which are the accidents and infirmities of human life; a burden which each has engaged to assist the other in supporting, and to which both parties are exposed; but, instead of murmuring and reflections, divide the sorrow between you, make the best of it, and it will be easier to both. It is the innate office of the softer sex to soothe the troubles of the other.

NEWS FROM MEXICO. By advices from Mexico to the 22d of March, we are placed in possession of information of the reception of the news from the United States, up to the time of the annexation of Texas by the two Houses of Congress. Some of the passengers at New Orleans from Mexico, speak of the war spirit in Mexico as if it was a reality. According to the accounts, the Mexicans are eager for war with the United States. But the Mexican press, while its tone is very ferocious against the United States, warrants no conclusion of designed acts of hostility against our Government.

Santa Ana, for a prisoner of war, maintains a high tone. He has ventured to justify his conduct in a public defence, and to demand his release, and the restoration of his property. In return for these favors he promises to leave the country, and to resign all the honors and rewards of office. A Joint Committee of the two houses of the Mexican Congress, having examined the request, reported against it. There were two reports, but the minority of the Committee reported that there was no power to consider the subject.

LEARN A TRADE. How often do your middle aged men say, 'I wish I had learned a trade.' Why do they express such a wish? Because they see that mechanics obtains good livings and prosper around them, while they and a thousand others barely get a support. Just look around your neighborhood. Who are the best off?—who are suffering the least of poverty? Mechanics. Is not your wealthiest neighbor a mechanic? Yet, strange to say, many young men will not learn trades—they wish for a more *respectable* business. They don't wish to gash their hands by edged tools, or lay bare their shins by machinery. Nay more, if they go to trades, they soil their hands, brown their skins and be obliged to wear coarse clothing. And some parents are unwise enough to permit their sons to live as they please and continually run themselves in debt.—

Frequent ablutions in warm weather contribute health, personal cleanliness and beauty. The rks understand this matter to perfection. Their ths are of the most costly make and embody gance and luxury not surpassed by the most ltivated people of the Christian world. It would well for people to use baths more frequently this side of the Atlantic. It cools the blood, rries off impurities, softens ihe surface of the in, and helps to keep the temper placid and eek this hot weather. Every appliance which n keep down irritation, and suppress spleen, d shut steam out of the human boiler, is worth ing used in July and August.

NOTICE.

The Worcester North Eastern District Temperance Union will meet at Holden on the 1st Wednesday of July (the 7th,) at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The local Societies, and all the Temperance Societies within this District, are earnestly requested to send as many delegates as will attend this meeting. Dr. Jewett and Mr. Hawkins are expected to be present.

Petersham, June 24. J. H. WILLIS, *Secretary.*

NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Worcester Female Anti-Slavery Society, will be held in the Hall over Boyden & Fenno's store, in Paine's Building, on Tuesday next, July 6th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Ladies friendly to the cause, are respectfully invited to attend. June 30.

PERFECTLY SATISFACTORY. A duel was fought at Johnsonburg, Ky. a few days since, between a Dr. Nottes and Mr Bradwick, a lawyer. A woman was the cause. They fought at twelve paces with rifles, and both shots were fatal.

MILLER'S PARLOR COOK STOVE.

THE above Stove was invented and introduced by the subscriber, and he has added several valuable improvements which render it the most desirable Stove of the kind in the market. Its construction is such as to recommend it to the notice of those wanting a neat and convenient Stove for the sitting room, and one which, at the same time, possesses capacity to do the cooking for a small family in the most economical manner.

PRESIDENT TYLER. In reply to an intimation in the New York Evening Post, that President Tyler has his party in Congress, in distinction from the great body of the Whig party, the National Intelligencer remarks as follows:

We speak with confidence when we express our conviction that nothing could give more pain to the President than the supposition that any political friend of his would impute to him any movement or any sentiment tending to sow distrust amongst the Whigs against each other, and, above all, to place him under the suspicion of favoring a party in Congress distinct from the great body of the Whigs.

When John C. Whitin sold hi first Picker, pioneers, with vision of cities to come, were stil pushing westword

The American Scene

. . . 1834-1850

The United States was doing a "land office" business when John C. Whitin manufactured his first machine for sale, for in 1834 the government sold four million acres of good farmland, in 1835 fifteen million acres, in 1836 twenty million acres. While the price of land was low, so much money from these sales poured into Washington that, in 1835, the last dollar was paid off on the national debt. The biggest problem facing the government was what to do with all the money that kept accumulating.

Meanwhile there was a money famine in New England as a result of President Jackson's feud with the conservative Bank of the United States whose paper money was as good as gold. In the West there were hundreds of "wildcat" banks printing banknotes whose value was based mostly on wishful thinking. It was a time of inflation for the country as a whole, for in 1829 the country's total circulation had been $48,000,000 and bank loans had been $137,000,000 while in 1837 the total circulation was $149,000,000 and bank loans were over $525,000,000.

Then came the crash of 1837. The United States government insisted on payment in gold for its land, and every bank in the United States suspended specie payment in May of 1837. Farmers were hard pressed

The country store was bath a ploce of trade and a meeting place for cracke barrel philosophers. This original Vermont Country Store, circa 1897, located in the "Village of Weston, Republic of Vermont"

Cotton Manufactures, 1830–1860						
Year	*Number of establishments*	*Capital*	*Number of employees*	*Number of spindles in factories*	*Raw cotton consumed (pounds)*	*Value of manufactured product*
1830	795	$40,614,984	62,157	1,246,503	77,757,316	$26,000,000
1840	1240	51,102,259	72,119	2,284,631	118,500,000	46,350,453
1850	1074	76,032,578	94,956	3,634,000	272,527,000	65,501,687
1860	1091	98,585,269	122,028	5,235,727	422,704,975	115,681,774

because crops failed in 1835 and 1837. The price of cotton fell from 20 cents a pound to 10 cents a pound. It was not until 1843 that business conditions again became normal.

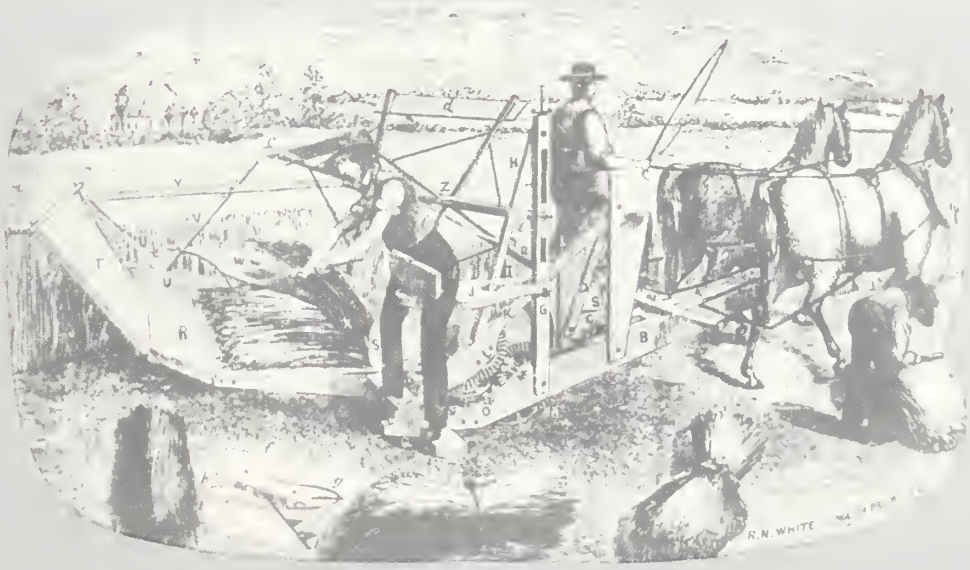
And, as the Whitin Machine Works grew from a repair shop to a small but thriving business, president succeeded president in the White House. Rough, tough "Old Hickory" was reelected in 1832 and went out of office in 1836 at the peak of his popularity. He was followed by Martin Van Buren who took the blame for the crash of 1837. The "Little Magician" was soundly trounced in the election of 1840 by General William Henry Harrison who died of a cold one month after his inauguration. His place was taken by Vice-President John Tyler who in 1844 went down to defeat before James Knox Polk. In 1848 General Zachary Taylor, known as "old Rough and Ready," was elected.

By the 1830's the West was well explored by fur traders. In the words of Frederick Jackson Turner, great American historian, the agents of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company had "revealed the sources of the Platte, the Green, the Yellowstone, and the Snake Rivers, and the characteristics of the Great Salt Lake region; they pioneered the way to South Pass, descended Green River by boat, carried cannon into the interior basin; showed the practicability of a wagon route through the Rockies, reached California from Salt Lake, crossed the Sierras and the deserts of Utah and Nevada, and became intimately acquainted with the activity of the British traders of the northwest coast." The Great Plains were still the home of primitive Indians and great herds of buffalo.

Still the Americans pushed against their boundaries. Thousands of settlers poured into Mexican territory and on April 21, 1836, the Texans won their independence from Mexico at the battle of San Jacinto. On December 29, 1845, the Republic of Texas was formally admitted as a state of the United States. In 1846 war was declared between Mexico and the United States and, as a result, in 1848 the United States acquired California, New Mexico, and all the land between them and Texas. Great Britain had recognized our claim to Oregon in 1846 and Daniel Webster, following the undeclared "Aroostook War," had straightened out the boundary of Maine in 1842. Except for a small piece bought by Gadsen in 1853, the continental boundaries of the country were complete.

This was the period of the great westward migration of 12,000 Mormons. They settled in Utah and established Salt Lake City. They sought isolation for religious reasons but were soon doing a thriving trade with settlers on their way to California. Gold had been discovered in the mill race of John Sutter's mill on the American River, and in 1849 alone 35,000 persons found their way to California by land and 42,000 by sea. No one knows how many more died on the trail marked by bleaching bones of the tragic migrants.

Behind them other Americans were carving out new states. In the 1830's and 1840's Arkansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota added their stars to



The McCormick Reaper, like the Whitin Picker, was another one of the important inventions of the period

the American flag. Other countries of the world began to notice the phenomenal growth of the United States. Its democratic government and way of life cultivated hard working, God-fearing yet restless people—the courageous kind of people that could carry our frontiers westward.

During these years candles gave way to whale oil lamps, friction matches were invented and anthracite coal replaced charcoal as fuel in the blast furnaces.

While Edison had not yet invented the forerunner of the "juke box," other inventors beside John C. Whitin were busy. McCormick invented the reaper in '31; Colt, the revolver in '35; Goodyear, vulcanized rubber in '36; Morse invented the telegraph in '43; Howe, the sewing machine in '45; and Hoe, the steam cylinder press in '46.

Culture kept pace with industry. The country had produced authors, editors and poets of high rank. Poe, Bryant, Longfellow, and Cooper were joined by Thoreau, Bronson Alcott, Parker, Ripley, Fuller, Clarke, Bancroft, Whittier, Hawthorne, Holmes, Emerson, Lowell, Irving, and Whitman. Foster was writing his songs at a time when McGuffey's Readers were being introduced in the schools. Webster's Dictionary was revised and republished in 1840.

There were men of science too. Ether had been discovered as an anesthetic, and, working independently, Long, Morton and Wells used it in operations. Audubon, both scientist and artistic painter of birds, became world renowned. Agassiz made his discoveries in biology while Gray was working in botany, Dana in mineralogy, Mitchell in astronomy, and Silliman in geology. The country was gaining an international reputation in the fields of learning.

Politically, the grave question before the country was not so much the existence of slavery but the further

Women have always been interested in fashions and in the period 1834–1850 Godey's Ladies' Book was the final word on style

expansion of slavery. On the "Seventh of March," 1850, Daniel Webster rose to make one of his greatest speeches—a speech which for a while saved the Union but caused Daniel to be condemned by many of those who had elected him and which blasted his hopes of the presidency. His words came ringing down the ages.

> "Never did there devolve on any generation of men higher trusts than now devolve upon us for the preservation of this constitution, and the harmony and peace of all who are destined to live under it. Let us make our generation one of the strongest and brightest links in that golden chain which is destined, I fondly believe, to grapple the people of all the states to this Constitution for ages to come."

Doctors, dentists and patients were grateful when Morton introduced the use of ether as an anesthetic in 1846. This illustration shows the first public operati where ether was used

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February the Shortest, But—

IT GAVE US NOTABLE MEN

February produced, besides Washington and Lincoln, other famed Americans.

Inventor Thomas Alva Edison is noted especially for the incandescent electric lamp, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera.

Another inventor Christopher Sholes —"The father of the typewriter."

Horace Greeley—Founder of the *New York Tribune.*

Charles A. Lindbergh—The first man to make a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

Wendell Willkie—Author of *One World* and candidate for the presidency of the United States in 1940.

William Frederick Cody (*"Buffalo Bill"*)—Frontiersman, scout, and showman.

FRONT COVER: No danger of thin ice here, for this is part of the parking area at the John Whitin Lasell Memorial Field. The newly-flooded, partially-lighted 85 x 200 foot area is designed primarily as a recreational skating area for children.

Whitin Personality

RICHARD W. RAWLINSON, as Assistant Manager of the Repair Sales Department, is the executive who assists in the supervision of an important and very active department supplying repair parts to all of our customers. Dick, while seated in the midst of such intense activity, calmly answers correspondence, telegrams, teletype messages, and telephone calls from the mills.

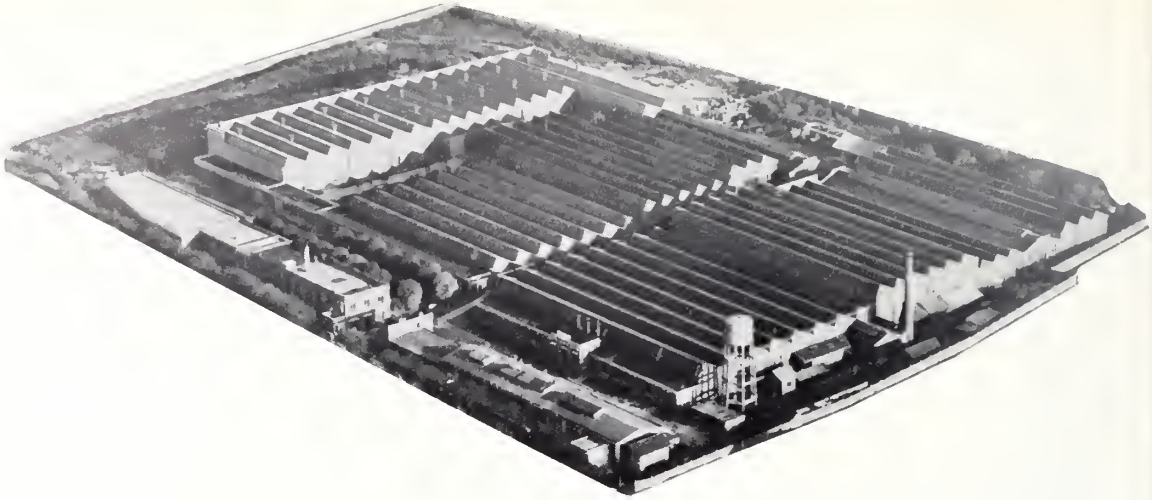
Dick was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, July 30, 1910. At the age of 5 his family moved to Lowell where he attended the local schools. In 1931 he graduated from the Lowell Technological Institute with a degree in textile engineering. Prior to his employment in the Whitin Machine Works in 1940 he held several important positions with other companies. He was an Associate Editor of *Textile World*, Designer and Research Engineer at Suffolk Mills, and Chief Designer at the Nashua Mfg. Company. At Whitin he was first assigned to the Advertising Department. During World War II he supervised the manufacture of 20mm and 36mm shells. In 1945 he was appointed Assistant Supervisor of the Sub-Contract Department. Three years later he was assigned to the Cotton and Spun Rayon Sales Division. In 1951 he was appointed Assistant Manager of the Repair Sales Department.

He is married to the former Elizabeth White of Lowell. They have two daughters, Deborah, 20 years of age, who is attending the University of New Hampshire, and Gretchen, 15 years of age, who is a student at Northbridge High School. The family has lived at 9 Linden Street, Whitinsville, since moving from Nashua in 1940.

Dick has a variety of hobbies in which he is active. His main hobby is golf but he enjoys also sailing, skiing, swimming, and the taking of color photographs.

He is a past president of the Whitinsville Golf Club, a member of the Southern New England Textile Club, Textile Dinner Club of Boston, and the Newcomen Society.

Dick, who is a faithful Red Sox fan, makes the following prediction: "The pennant for the Red Sox in 1958!"



The Paris plant of the Société de Constructions Mécaniques de Stains where certain Whitin machines are being built for the European trade

Whitin's Position Strengthened by French Alliance

President J. Hugh Bolton has announced that Whitin Sliver and Ribbon Lap machines and Model J Combers are now being manufactured in Paris, France, by the Société de Constructions Mécaniques de Stains. These Whitin machines, built by Stains under license, will be sold in Europe and will enable Whitin to compete with European manufacturers of similar machines in the highly competitive European markets. It is hoped this new arrangement will make available greatly desired Whitin-designed equipment to many mills which previously were unable to obtain it—at the same time securing for them more direct service and substantial savings in transportation.

Simon Wiersma, Methods Department, recently returned from a nine-weeks visit to the Stains plant. While there, he assisted the Stains personnel with certain production problems and checked the parts manufactured by them. He reports that all parts of the French-built machines are interchangeable with the corresponding parts on the American-built machines. This means that European mills, who had previously purchased our machines, will be able to secure repair parts from Stains.

Simon was impressed with the courteous and cooperative manner in which he was treated and with the efficient manufacturing techniques used. While in France, he saw the first French-built Model J Comber operating to the customer's satisfaction in the Thiriez Mills, Lille, France. Our French associates are producing machines which are up to Whitin's standards.

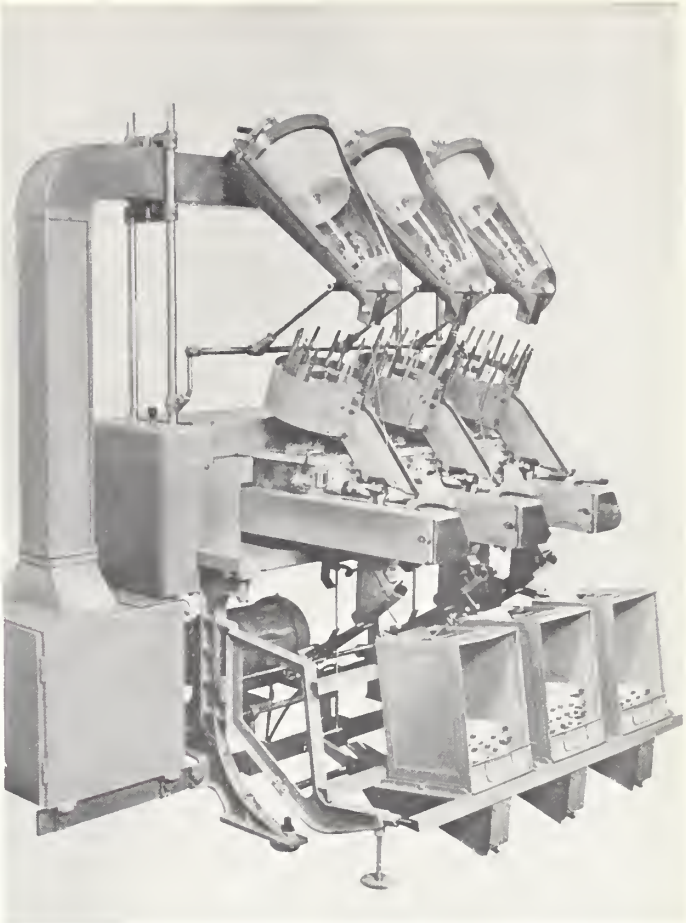
Stains, makers of textile machinery, employ 1100 people in their plant located at 81–95 Avenue Aristide-Briand, a few miles from the Eiffel Tower in Paris. They have no foundry of their own and obtain many of the parts, such as shaved gears and cams, from other companies who specialize in such manufactures.

Simon began his trip at Logan Airport, Boston, on September 14, when he boarded a Pan American plane which flew to Shannon Airport, Ireland, and continued on to Paris. One of the high points of his trip was watching the sun rise over Ireland as the plane landed at dawn. While in Europe, he visited spots of interest in France and Holland. He returned via Air France on November 18.

Holland was of great interest to Simon because his parents came from Friesland. He visited in Friesland and also Amsterdam, The Hague, and Leyden. The unspoiled island of Markem, where the 7000 inhabitants still wear picturesque Dutch costumes and wooden shoes, afforded him an opportunity to take many colored slides for his collection. During his trip he met many Americans from all sections of the United States. He enjoyed meeting for the first time an aunt, an uncle, nine cousins, and many other relatives.

While Simon found both his work and his leisure stimulating, he was happy to return to his home at 513 Church Street. He noted that Europeans do not have many of the comforts we take for granted both in our homes and at our places of work. He found that in general the people of both France and Holland were well-disposed toward Americans.

Whitin Adds New Model Winder to Line



A new Automatic Filling Winder, known as the Fill-Master, is now being manufactured at Whitin. Under mill conditions, this machine has from eighteen to twenty-four units instead of the three shown here

A NEW Automatic Filling Winder, known as the Fill-Master, has been added to our line of textile machinery.

The new addition, complementing the widely used Whitin-Schweiter Model MS and the recently introduced Whitin Speed-Matic, makes available to all segments of the textile industry a Whitin built filling winder, specifically designed to meet the exacting requirements of winding operations in each area.

The new machine will be manufactured by the Whitin Machine Works under license from Schweiter, Ltd., Horgen (Zurich) Switzerland.

Our own selling efforts will be supplemented by the H. J. Theiler Corporation of Whitinsville, and Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The Fill-Master Winder has many new features. Among fully automatic winders it is unique in having a dust exhaust system for every winding position, resulting in dust and dirt free conditions around the winder. Bobbins are tailless wound, eliminating scissors and tail cutters. An unusual mechanism for differential binding of the yarn layers produces firmly wound bobbins with a minimum of tension for avoidance of sloughing in the shuttle. Depending upon the type of yarn run and the bobbins used, this winding unit will run at spindle speeds up to 10,000 r.p.m.

VERSATILITY

The Fill-Master Winder is extremely versatile and adaptable to a wide range of winding conditions with economical production costs. It is designed to wind any type of yarn: cotton, wool, worsted, or synthetics from coarse to fine counts. When different yarns are run, the tension is the only element that has to be adjusted. Bobbins made are uniformly parallel. The spindle speed is adjustable on each individual winding position and covers a very wide range of speeds.

The Winder can be very easily adjusted to wind bobbins up to 10⅛″ in length and the bobbin diameter is likewise easily changed by a simple positive control.

FULLY AUTOMATIC

The Whitin Schweiter Fill-Master Winder is virtually completely automatic in operation. It can be equipped with a high speed bobbin loader, supplying up to 60 bobbins per minute and filled bobbins can be either dropped on the pin boards underneath each individual winder unit or can be automatically packed into a loom box under each unit. Machine cleaning is materially reduced by the efficient dust exhaust system and maintenance is consequently reduced to very low levels.

The duties of the operator are reduced to a virtual minimum through the use of this new Winder.

Where There's a Will

Bill Becker walked through the front door of the bank with a feeling that he should be laughing at himself.

"What business do I have even thinking about making a will?" he mused. "The fellows at work will think I'm losing my mind—still if the stories I've heard are true, it might be worthwhile if only to make sure Sally gets the car."

Bill walked across the lobby toward Ted Johnson's desk behind the rail. Ted looked up and smiled. "Hi, Bill, nice to see you. Come on in. How are Sally and the children?"

Seating himself, Bill said, "The family's fine and Sally sends her regards. She doesn't get downtown much—too big a job bringing the baby."

"You and Sally are certainly doing a nice job of establishing a family and can be proud of what you're accomplishing. What can the First National do to help you?"

Bill Becker looked down at his calloused hands. With a wry smile he said, "I want to find out if you think I ought to have a will. You know how much money I have and how much I don't have, too. Aren't wills for people with money? I read about people who have left an 'estate.' That means a lot of money, doesn't it?"

Ted Johnson was pleased for he knew he could help Bill. "You are doing a good job of managing your family affairs when you find out about this. It is probably very important that you make a will.

"Let's talk about that for a moment. Suppose you were to die suddenly. What would become of your home, your money in this bank, your car, or your other possessions? Without a will, the state will dispose of your property strictly according to the inheritance laws. The way the state distributes your possessions may, or may not, be what you want. After all, how can the state know if one of your children needs special care or if you have a moral debt to someone?"

Bill nodded, "Looking at it that way, having as few possessions as I do might make it more important to make sure the right people get what I do have."

"That's right, Bill," continued the banker. "One of the main purposes of a will is to state clearly how the maker of the will wants his property disposed of after his death."

"Once the will is made there shouldn't be any erasing or changes to confuse the readers. If any important changes are to be made it is best to make a new will. You can't 'fix up' a will by just scratching out Mary's name and writing in Jean's."

"I guess a will is a pretty complicated thing. It must be expensive to prepare," said Bill.

"You are concerned with the cost, of course. Well, in the case of a small estate you will find that a lawyer's fee is quite reasonable and the cost of a number of photostat copies is small. Compared to the trouble it can save, it is well worth it. The extra copies are a good idea. Copies should be kept in several places so that they will not all be destroyed by a fire or some accident. Most people keep a copy at home, one at the bank, and so on."

"It need not be complicated, either. The wording of a will can be, in most cases, brief and informal. For instance, with six words: 'I make Ole Oleson my heir,' a man in Illinois willed all his property.

"But not all of them can be that simple. A will is a technical, legal document and is best drawn up by your lawyer. A will should cover everything of value that you own, but you don't have to list everything. Life insurance made out to a beneficiary need not be included, but if made payable to your estate, you should say who should get the proceeds.

"Every will must be signed by the maker in the presence of witnesses. By the way, in most cases these witnesses must be people who have nothing to gain from the will. All the witnesses customarily sign in the presence of the maker and each other. All states have laws setting forth the requirements to be a witness and how many there should be."

"Mr. Johnson, who is going to see that the directions in my will are followed?" asked Bill.

"The person who handles your affairs after your death is called the executor. If you feel that your wife is capable of handling the property, she can be named executrix with someone else named in case she should die. If an estate is complicated, you might want to name as executor a bank or trust company to handle it. I doubt if that would be advisable in your case, Bill."

Bill nodded agreement. "I guess not. Well, I think I should decide about what I want in my will—then talk with you or a lawyer again. One more question: Is there any point to Sally making a will?"

"Good question. You can answer that one yourself if you can imagine an accident where both of you might be killed or die within a short time of each other. Everything we have said here about wills applies to wives as well as to husbands. In fact, everyone can save his beneficiaries a lot of trouble, and often money, by having a will. Only a will can speak for you after you've gone."

Bill rose and reached for his hat and coat. Shaking hands with his friend, he said, "Mr. Johnson, I can tell you how much I appreciate your help."

"Good-bye, Bill. Don't put it off any longer than necessary."

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"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted" LUKE 14:11

In the evening of January 18 a large and distinguished gathering assembled in the auditorium of the Northbridge High School to show and express the love and respect in which the Right Reverend Monsignor James A. Deery is universally regarded. The sumptuous banquet in honor of the Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville was arranged by his devoted parishioners to mark their joyful participation in the great dignity bestowed upon him when he was elevated to the purple of the Monsignori and became a member of the official household of Pope Pius XII.

Leading the parish in its careful preparations for the festivities was Arthur J. St. Andre, for forty-nine years sexton of St. Patrick's Church. Mr. St. Andre has long been in the service also of the Whitin Machine Works having entered its employ in November, 1901. He is currently the Company's Supervisor of Shipping and Receiving.

The Right Reverend Monsignor James A. Deery

Mr. St. Andre was assisted on the Arrangements Committee by the curates of St. Patrick's Church, the Rev. William Mattimore and the Rev. George Holland, who acted as honorary co-chairmen, and by several parishioners among whom were J. Harold Baszner, Foreman of our Freight House, Eugene M. Kennedy and George R. Couillard of our Foreign Sales Department.

Mr. Charles E. "Luke" Driscoll, State Representative, ably presided as Toastmaster and, together with Mr. George L. Searles, Chairman of the Northbridge Board of Selectmen, brought to Monsignor Deery the homage and felicitations of the entire community. Mr. John Andonian, President of Local 3654, United Steelworkers of America, in conveying the congratulations of his organization, saluted Monsignor Deery as a just and fair friend of the working-man.

After introducing several other honored guests at the head table, Mr. Driscoll presented Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Whitin Machine Works and paid tribute to Mr. Swift's long and outstanding leadership in American industry, in civic affairs and in widespread philanthropic endeavors. Mr. Swift, on his part, hailed Monsignor Deery for his admirable qualities as a sympathetic man, as a saintly pastor, as a wise counselor, and as a prudent citizen seeking his community's best interests. Humorously, Mr. Swift recalled how he had learned, just before Monsignor Deery's advent into Whitinsville, that the new Pastor was an ardent fisherman and how, despite Mr. Swift's invitations and urgings during the past eleven years, he could not persuade Monsignor Deery to fish in the Whitin stocked pond because the Pastor, like St. Peter, was too absorbed in being "a fisher of men."

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Monsignor Deery (*continued*)

The principal address was that of the Most Reverend John J. Wright, the erudite Bishop of the Worcester Diocese. His Bishop extolled Monsignor Deery as an inspiring and respected Diocesan Consultor, as "a priest's priest," a hospitable and sympathetic friend of his fellow clergymen, as "a people's priest" beloved by the flock entrusted to his care and by his neighbors not of his fold, but, above all, as "God's priest" faithfully, humbly, constantly serving the Lord.

Finally, Father Mattimore read greetings and congratulatory messages of many other churchmen and, with eloquent encomium, presented to Monsignor Deery a purse, as a gift from his parishioners and as a token of their warm affection and great esteem.

Needless to say, Monsignor Deery was overwhelmed. In his self-effacing manner he stated that whatever good he has wrought should be ascribed to the credit of the people of his parish whose support and generosity would not let any Pastor fail. He expressed his gratitude to his parishioners for their gift of the purse and for the gift of his new vestments, and he thanked all who had come to honor him, especially his Bishop who had so aptly described Monsignor Deery's highest aspiration, to be God's priest, to preach His Gospel and to administer the Sacraments to those who hunger for righteousness.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Monsignor Deery received his well-wishers from near and far. He was warmly greeted: by his former curate, now rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, Monsignor David Elwood; by the Rev. Rosario Cantin, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Rockdale; by the Rev. Camille Blain, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood; by Monsignor David Sherin, Diocesan Director of Press and Radio; by Monsignor David Sullivan, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities; by his cousin, the Rev. Lawrence Deery, O.M.I., and by a host of others too numerous to mention.

Particularly gratifying to Monsignor Deery on this occasion was his re-union for the first time in thirty-five years, with all of his family, his brothers Edward of New York, Paul of Whitinsville, Leo of Worcester, and his sister, Mrs. Anne O'Connor of Warren, Ohio.

During the evening, as the gathering applauded John Romasco, one of our Wage Standards Engineers, for his charming songs, and honored Dr. Flora Manganelli of Whitinsville as the "Catholic Woman of the Year" in the Worcester Diocese, I thought how the light of praise, when directed upon a man such as Monsignor Deery, must inevitably be reflected and be shed as brightly upon those who first render such praise.

Ruminating thus about the honors bestowed upon Monsignor Deery, I was impelled to regard also the exalted personage who conferred such elevated rank upon our friend and who received him recently in special audience in the Vatican. On March 2nd, *Deo volente*, Pope Pius XII will attain his eightieth birthday. That day will mark also the seventeenth anniversary of his election to succeed Pope Pius XI (the illustrious son of Francesco Ratti, who was the manager of a large silk mill near Milan). On March 2, 1939, to a world seething with class hatreds, racial ferments and burning ambitions engendered in mad and twisted minds, to a world on the brink of World War II, the Roman Catholic Church presented a pre-eminent man of piety and peace. Although a scion of Roman aristocracy Pope Pius XII has not known prideful arrogance but by the very names of his noble family, has been predisposed to an affable spirit of conciliation. His paterna name, Pacelli, is derived from "pace," peace, whil the name of his mother, Donna Virginia Graziosi presages his saintly and gracious attributes. A ma of great learning and culture, of profound persona piety, of deep sincerity and humility, Pope Pius XI has devoted his life to the pursuit and promotion o peace. Thus, when he became a cardinal, it seeme so appropriate that he should adopt a coat of arms whicl bears the legend, "Opus Justitiae Pax," the Work o Justice is Peace. Similarly, it was not only timely bu fitting that upon ascending the Papal Throne seventee years ago he should first have addressed to the harasse and troubled world a fervent appeal for peace.

As I turned my thoughts from the donor to th recipient of the Papal dignities, I saw how faithfully Monsignor Deery mirrors the culture, the rectitude, th humility and the conciliatory spirit of the Suprem Pontiff of his Church. During the eleven years of hi ministry in St. Patrick's Parish, amid the ever-increas ing complexity of modern living, Monsignor Deery ha labored primarily as a selfless pastor of souls, strivin to lead his flock to walk more perfectly with God. Him self often lonely and sometimes ill, he has befriende the forsaken and comforted the sick; he has emptie his coffers to help the poor and needy; he has counselle the wayward and strengthened the weak; he has ap plauded the noble and has encouraged the good; he ha ministered to the dying, and has consoled and lifte up the broken-hearted. And in this community, twic stricken during his pastorate with industrial dissensio and bitter strife, he has sought to reconcile, to proffe calm judgment and sage counsel, and to restore peac in the factory and at the hearth as well as before God' altar.

I should, therefore, be remiss if I were to omit m own small meed of praise or fail gratefully to acknowledg Monsignor Deery as a man of Peace. In behalf als of all of the readers of the SPINDLE I wish Monsigno James A. Deery good health and a long, fruitful an blessed life in his high and sacred calling.

FRANK N. STONI

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

CARD SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Francis Jacobs and his family have moved to Sutton while Albert Poudrier and his wife have moved to Uxbridge. We hope both families like their new locations. . . . We welcome the following newcomers: Roy Henry and William Haley. . . . Birthday greetings go to Norman Moreau, Edward Guertin, Francis Jacobs, Glen Leveille, Thomas Stevenson and Henry Beaudoin. . . . If your name hasn't been mentioned here, just be patient, for it will be. . . . Our motto for the month is: Don't believe everything you hear and only half of what you see.

MAINTENANCE OFFICE, STEAM FITTING, STRUCTURAL IRON AND SHEET METAL

by Ann Black

Here it is time once again for our column and we have a few choice bits of news. . . . Chessie Dion is back at work and we are all happy to have her with us once again. . . . The Bonus Department has moved over to the office occupied by H. Cedric Andrews. This enables both the people occupying Mr. Walker's Office and Mr. Andrew's Office to have a little more elbow room. We do miss them though, especially John Jessen's sense of humor. . . . Mr. Cook was out for a number of days nursing a very sore wrist, due to a skating accident. We had another "ice victim" also; Aileen Willis had a bad fall out in the back of the Shop near the Sand Shed. However, they are both back with us and look none the worse for their experiences. . . . That's all for this month!

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

As a Christmas present, Leo Blanchette, of Milford, gave his wife a new house with all the latest home improvements. Who said there is no Santa Claus? . . . George Mooradian is now residing in Pascoag. It's not a big town but it is a friendly one. . . . The young lady in Crib 16 is Patricia Randall whose husband James, recently discharged from the paratroopers, works as an inspector in Department 425. They have an infant son, James. . . . Arthur Belanger can't understand how he lost Mrs. Belanger's umbrella. It was in the car! . . . Congratulations to Francis Lowe who received his 20-year pin from Mr. Cunningham and to Maurice Murray who received his 10-year pin from Mr. Rizer.

A belated happy birthday to Clarence Porter. . . . Al Belanger's son Bertrand is home after a week at the Woonsocket Hospital. . . . George Leland is in the market for a new car. . . . Robert Hetu and Mike Swiszez, neglected as new faces, by now are familiar faces to Department 421. Robert, who was a textile worker and who lives in Woonsocket, is a condenser roll man. Mike, who calls South Uxbridge home, previously has worked on the Booster Dart Job and the Bolster Job.

From the night shift: Maurice Roy, who recently came to us from Taft-Peirce, and Mrs. Roy are pleased that their 9-year old daughter Lorraine, who had spent fourteen weeks in the hospital with polio, was able to come home for Christmas and is making a good recovery. . . . Leo Turenne has started on his new job as a full-time fireman for North Smithfield. . . . Edward Levasseur, the new night man, is a veteran of World War II who has two children, a boy and a girl. Formerly a bus driver, his hobby is doing TV and radio repair work. . . . Leo Godbout comes to us from the Spindle Job to operate the horizontal miller on the night shift.

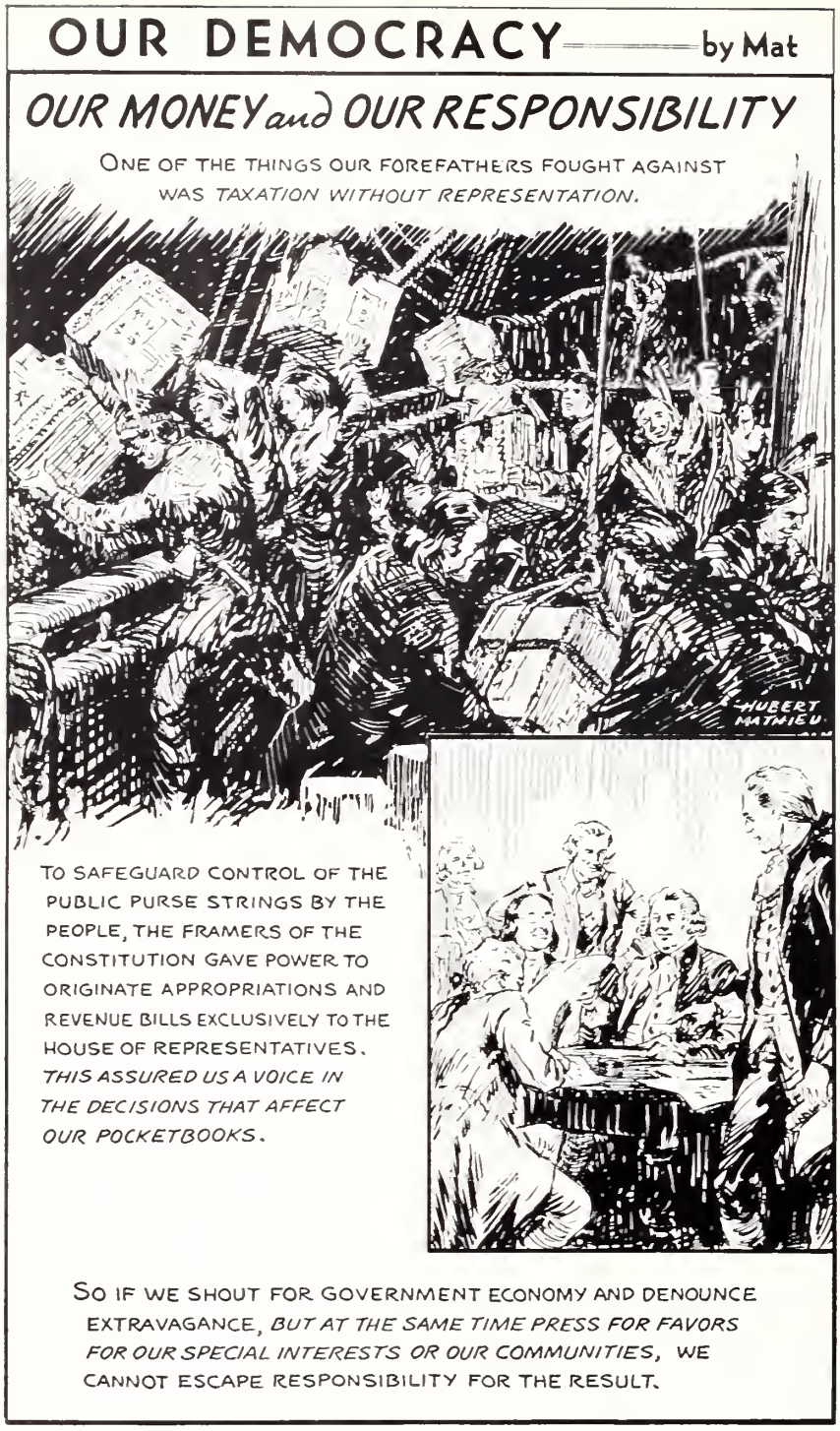
Ronald Godfrin, grandson of Azarie Gervais, is home from the hospital after a battle with polio. . . . John Sulyma, visiting friends, was put to work. As he sat down, the water pipes burst, and, like a good Samaritan, Johnny pitched in to help. . . . Arsene Racicot is proud that his daughter Esther, while fishing in Florida with her husband, Lincoln Boudreau, hooked and landed a five-foot eleven-inch sailfish. She received a certificate for the biggest catch of the day from the Haulover Beach Sailfish Club. . . . John Brezniak, ardent fisherman, reports that his bait is still larger than any fish he has caught. . . . Charlie Johnson became a grandfather again when Gordon Arthur Spaulding was born on December 28.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

To keep Departments 417 and 418 buzzing, we welcome the following: To 417, Joe Burkey who was on the second shift on the Spindle Job, and Mary Ann Keegan and Charlotte McKee to our office force. To 418, Leonard Walczak who is doing the trucking for the job and Walter Wywal a fellow who has been moved around the Shop in the Inspection Department. We hope he has found a home at last.

Promotions in December, from the left: George F. McRoberts was appointed Advertising Manager of the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation on December 1. This is in addition to his duties as Advertising Manager of the Whitin Machine Works. Edward Haggerty was appointed Chief Product Engineer of the Whitin Machine Works on January 3. Thomas O'Connell was appointed Superintendent of Outside Erection on December 1. He also will be in charge of building schedules. Ira Maghakian was appointed Foreman of Department 488, Offset Duplicator Manufacturing and Assembly, on December 13. Carl Bosma was appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 450, Tin Cylinders, on December 21



The Golden Rule will operate to benefit an individual who is obedient to it even though his associates do not observe the rule. This is a fact that is not easily accepted by the reasoning mind. The human argument is that until the whole world applies the Golden Rule it will not work; that selfish persons will take advantage of the Golden Rulers. One who applies the rule should not accept this argument but should prove the rule in faith. Individuals can use the rule and receive its benefits here and now.

Both departments with regret say far well to Dot Antoian who has transferre to Department 406. We'll miss her. . . We welcome back from sick leave Lero Clark.

We have three home builders on 41 now. Between the weather and the co tractors things are moving very slowl Have patience and all the houses will b finished one of these days.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Personality of the Month: Our Assistar Foreman Newall S. Wallace ("Newky as he is known by all his friends), is a nativ of Whitinsville having been born her educated here, and married here. He h one son, Craig, of whom he is very prou No one need ask what his hobby is, but wit the possibility someone of you might n know, I'll tell you—it's music and the Wh tin Male Glee Club. Humor is a sideli with him, also. He began his career wi us 33 years ago and has worked in pract cally every department in the Shop. One the "Happy Wanderers," he finally came rest here at 408, where he lost the gypsy his soul, and added a total of 15 years wi us. He is a great garden enthusiast ar an ardent Red Sox fan.

We are happy to see Bill Woodcock ba home and doing well. . . . John Stan vitch is the new Assistant Foreman at 40 . . . Kent Robinson left us for a job Rhode Island. . . . Bill Blair has return to work after a three-month sick leav . . . Ask Ray Benoit how he got th "mouse." . . . Remember that awful co spell we had back awhile? Well, Walt Knapik tells me he became a frozen corp one morning while waiting for his drive Seems as how the driver's car received flat tire, and poor Walter was left waiti on the side of the road, freezing to deat until rescued. Took him three hours thaw out. . . . Hey! you fellows, wha-a happen? I'm counting on you to keep in the news. Let's hear from you!

GEAR JOB

by Roland Dion

Personality of the Month: John Senkar was born in Webster on January 1, 189 and was educated in the Webster school At an early age he started working in t mills where he learned weaving and spi ning. In World War I John served months in the U. S. Army. His la regiment was the 101st.

In March of 1919 John married M Anna Hanus. They now have five childre Francis, John, Jr., Julius, Mary a Lillian. John, Jr., a professional golf and owner of the Milford Country Clu spends the winter season at Miami Bea teaching golf.

John has been in the shop for 12 years. He spent about four years in the Carpenter Shop and the other eight years on the Gear Job. At present Mr. and Mrs. Senkarik make their home on Hartford Pike in North Oxford.

John has several hobbies. He likes to hunt, raises quite a variety of fruit and vegetables, keeps several household pets, and is quite enthusiastic about politics.

We sincerely hope George Guertin will be back to work soon; George has been out several weeks because of an operation.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Congratulations to Wilfred San Souci on receiving his 20-year service pin. . . . The most unfortunate man of the month was Domenic Bombredi. He not only had his house water pipes freeze up, but his car radiator sprung a leak and, while it was being repaired, he used a garage car that also froze up. Dom says that one more stretch of luck like that and he will move South. . . . The night shift lost their prize whistler when Ernest Adams transferred to the Blacksmith Shop to learn die sinking. . . . Robert Bessey and Mrs. Bessey celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on January 13. Bob says he is still on his honeymoon. . . . Congratulations to Charles M. Stuart on being appointed a special officer of the Town of Northbridge. . . . The people living on upper North Main Street couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Louis Weirsma, jig maker, splitting cord wood with the temperature at 8 above zero, for the extent of Louis' home work is usually watching television.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Our Christmas party was a huge success. Hector Chase appeared as Santa Claus, wearing the same blue, size 52 nightgown, donated by one of the fellows last year. It looked wonderful with the Santa Claus mask and hat. Needless to say, Santa drew a great deal of attention. Hector has a standing invitation to play the part every year. . . . Birthday greetings go to Dick Felson and Mike Baiano.

One of the cutest stories of the month was told to us by Butch Surowiec. He took his three-year old daughter Cindy Christmas shopping into Sears. While her daddy was busy, Cindy picked out a bike, got on, looked up to see the clerk watching her, got off the bike, opened up her little pocketbook and handed the clerk a quarter. She then climbed back on the bike and headed for the door. Butch had quite a time explaining to Cindy that bikes cost more than a quarter. So guess what Cindy got for her birthday the other day—a "bike" and Dad paid the "quarter."

MYSTERY PHOTO—Last month's mystery photo, shown on the left, was Foreman Edward Nuttall of the Paint Job. On the right is this month's mystery photo, one of our retired men, shown as he looked in 1903

George Audio of Department 445 has joined the list of home owners. He and Mrs. Audio purchased a home on Maple Street. . . . How lucky can you get? Here we are in the middle of winter and one of our erectors, Tom Gilchrist, is on his way to South America for W.M.W. . . . Hector Chase is recovering at home after a week in St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment. . . . Milt Murray's 1939 Chevy drew its last breath during the last cold spell. The block cracked, so until Milt can find another car, he is using foot power.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

Birthday greetings to Amede Leduc. . . . We welcome Francis R. Pearcey to the Core Room. . . . We hear Edgar Parent took a trip to Canada over the holidays. Glad he had a safe trip. . . . Larry Maloney is back with us after a brief illness. It is good to see him again.

We welcome Barbara Boucher to the Foundry Production Control Office. . . . Doris Shaw received a diamond for Christmas. Dave Poole is the lucky boy. We are sorry to lose Doris who has been transferred to Department 421.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

A welcome to Department 437 is in order for Leonard Woodward, Edward Trinque, and Raymond Brien. Leonard is from the Spindle Job. He is married and lives in Fisherville. He is a brother of one of our newer turners, Walter Lucier. Edward came from a job he had on Block Island. He is married, has two children and lives in Pascoag, R. I. Raymond was a company truck driver. He is married and has a little girl and lives in Woonsocket. . . . We should mention two others who did us a world of good and brought us out of a condition of darkness. Electricians James Daubney and Benny Giordano gave us light. They have been here for three or four months improving our department. . . . At this writing, Al Chauvin, one of our night men, has just been in surgery at St. Vincent's Hospital. Joe Turgeon has also returned from the hospital. Stella Damarjian is missing from our group. A speedy recovery to them all. A cheerful card is such a help at times like these. . . . Anita Beaumier fed twenty-four at her home on Christmas. Her Uxbridge house must have been bursting at the seams with all the sons, a daughter, and their families. (And we thought we were crowded with half as many.) . . . Congratulations to Everett Gaspar on his recent promotion to Acting Assistant Foreman. . . . Birthday greetings to Roland Morel.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

The new faces in this department are those of Pasquale "Pat" Saviano and Napoleon Bisson. "Pat" has taken Benjamin Colonero's place on nights and "Ben" is now working on days. . . . George Drolet's family celebrated Thanksgiving with a turkey that Mrs. Drolet won in a raffle. George claims that he won it because he paid for the ticket. No matter who won it, it was still good eating! . . . Mrs. Mary Frieswyk Gilmore, sister of your SPINDLE reporter, arrived in Tokyo, Japan on December 21 after a hectic 21-day crossing of the Pacific. The ship was caught in the outer edges of a typhoon, and Mary reports that the waves were 20 to 30

feet high. Most of the passengers were very seasick as a result. Mary's husband is Lt. Harold Gilmore, son of Lawrence Gilmore of Department 401. He is stationed with a "Nike" unit near Tokyo. . . . John Wright, Jr., and his family were "home for the holidays" at Christmastime. John, Jr., is a staff sergeant in the Air Force, who makes his home in Dennison, Texas. His dad works in the Motor House. . . . In the early part of January, Henry Nydam was out for a few days because of a tonsillectomy. The loss of his tonsils hasn't spoiled Henry's excellent whistling. . . . We are all glad to hear that Eddie Bergeron's wife is improving after being seriously ill with meningitis. We all hope that her recovery will soon be complete.

ROLL JOB

by William Lavallee

Personality of the month: Lew Lyman was born September 6, 1914, in Glace Bay, Cape Breton Island, Canada. He came to this country in 1925, lived in different parts of New York State and Pennsylvania, then in 1933 came to Whitinsville. He started working in the Whitin Machine Works in 1934 and since has been working here steadily with the exception of a short layoff and three years in the Navy. He has worked on the Gear Job, in the Inspection Department and in Department 423 in addition to the Roll Job where he has been for seventeen years. In 1940, Miss Idella Larsen of this town became Mrs. Lew Lyman. They now have four children, three boys and a girl. Lew is an active worker, an elder and Trustee of the United Presbyterian Church. He is interested in all sports, especially Little League Baseball in which he was manager of the Braves. Under his fine coaching the Braves won the Northbridge Little League Championship last year.

We are all glad to see that Bert Gill has returned to work after a long illness and that Harold O'Connell is doing so well. . . . We trust that everyone had a pleasant holiday and returned refreshed to the Job. . . . Get well wishes are in order for Wilfred Reneau who has left for the hospital. . . . We welcome Bertrand Senecal to the Job. . . . Birthdays for the month of January are for Orez Bouvier, Joseph Wojick, Albert Noel, and Anthony Lima.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

New members of our department are Paul Sweck of Blackstone and Normand Ethier, Ed Vadenais and Gerard Lefebvre of Woonsocket. We're happy to have all these men and hope they like our department. . . . Birthday greetings for February go to Al Blanchette. . . . We were all happy to have Ralph Nolet back after his week's absence because of an injury. He was glad when he was able to take off his neck support.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Personality of the month: Laurence Southwick has worked with us since 1947. He is well known by everyone on the job for his happy disposition and because he is always good for a story or news of some humorous event. He makes his home at 38 St. Paul Street in Blackstone, Mass., with three of his children: Marion, David and Ronald. He has one son, Laurence, Jr., serving with the Army in Germany. Larry says his only hobby is deep sea fishing.

Within minutes of the alarm Whitinsville firemen reached the home of F. O. Rizer, Production Department, when a fire broke out recently. They confined the fire to the living room. Damage amounted to $5700

James Darcy is back with us after a two-month absence because of illness. . . . Welcome to Albert Cencak who has joined us as an apprentice. . . . Maxime Goyette has received his twenty-year service pin, and Leo Cardin, Sr., his pin for five years service. . . . Irving F. Orrell, Jr., son of our foreman, has returned to Fort Huachuca, Arizona (The Electronic Proving Ground) after enjoying a twenty-day furlough spent at home over the recent holidays.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

We wish a speedy recovery to Katherine Hughes who is on sick leave. . . . We welcome the following new workers: Rita Picard, Isabelle Smith, Eva Such and Edith Fior. . . . We wish lots of luck and happiness to Louise Mousseau who has left us to take up household duties. . . . Birthday candles were lit for Myrtle Cronan, Hannah Frieswick, and Evelyn Farrar. . . . Congratulations go to Carl Bosma on being appointed to Assistant Foreman of Department 450. . . . Fire caused several hundred dollars damage to the children's playhouse at Walter Guertin's place in Uxbridge on December 29. . . . Department 450 has had a face-lifting. A group of painters did a good job. . . . Roland Guertin and Edward Jones returned to the day shift after several weeks working nights. . . . The welcome mat is out this month for Thomas Schotanus and William Hemingway.

CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Benjamin Brouwer

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cahill who celebrated their 27th anniversary on February 4. Andy has quite a service record with Whitin for he will have worked here 57 years on April 17. . . . We have two birthdays in February, so we congratulate Eugene Gervais and Theodore Patterson. . . . Edward Allegra fell on the ice January 7 and as a result is confined to his home. . . . Mrs. Edward Skowronski is in St. Vincent Hospital. We wish both a speedy recovery . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ian A. Davidson and 16-month old twin children left Friday January 6 for Germany. They will reside in Stuttgart. Mrs. Davidson, the former Nancy Meader, is the daughter of Foreman and Mrs. Kenneth Meader. The trip was made by TWA from Logan International Airport direct to Frankfort in seventeen hours.

Mr. Bushy, our sanitary engineer, is training to travel around with the "Red Devils." Last month he completed his first test on Route 122.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

With the holiday season once again gone but not forgotten, everyone seems to be settling down again with an eye on the coming Summer vacation. Bowling and basketball and a little bit of winter baseball holds the spotlight at this time. The 413 bowling league is in high gear for the second half of the season with the Tigers, led by Bobby Campo, Ray Malley, and Jim "the Clutch" Gibbons taking over first place, followed by the Yankees (first half winners), Dodgers and Pirates. . . . Eddie Horan, Jim Fisher, Paul Madigar, Gene Picard, Bobby Campo, John DeBoer and John Stanovitch attended the Celtics–St. Louis and the Knicks-Lakers doubleheader in Boston on January 20. . . . John Straube has left to return to California. John has been on the East coast since his discharge from the Service and this was his first trip home. . . . As you read this issue of the SPINDLE, the baseball teams are just leaving for Spring training. Can Summer be far behind? . . . Eddie Jussaume, an ardent hockey fan, can be found spending a lot of evenings at the Providence Auditorium. . . . Cora Barsamian was recently installed president of the Episcopal Church Trinity Guild.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Signs of spring are in the air—the Bolster Job baseball club has made plans to attend four night games at Fenway Park. . . . Eddie Machacz, son of Frank Machacz, won a bicycle at Labonte's Market at Christmastime by saving the most wrappers from a canned food. . . . Aime Rottier of the night shift shot a 90 lb. deer and wants Joe Paul to know about it. Jime has been ill for a few weeks. . . . We are all glad to see Dick Schuyler back from his sick bed. . . . Attention Veronica Mahoney: Harold Flinton came up with a blistering 347 in bowling and defies you to beat that. . . . Lewis Buxton and Mrs. Buxton celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary January 31. Many happy returns to both of them. . . . Ira Naroian has bought a new Plymouth. . . . Walter Fierley and his son went ice fishing one Sunday afternoon in one of Walter's favorite spots of yesteryear. Walter said they didn't catch one fish, not even one they could throw back, but boy! he certainly enjoyed the food they prepared outdoors.

Janice and Donald Girouard, children of Al Girouard of Department 438, were confirmed by Bishop Wright on October 12 at St. James' Church, Fisherville

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Personality for this month is Gerard Biron, who is time clerk for the night shift. Jerry was born in Woonsocket and attended schools there, graduating from Mount St. Charles Academy. He also attended Sacred Heart College, a military school, in Victoria, Canada. Jerry is married and makes his home with his wife Magella, and two children, Gerard, Jr. and Frances, in Woonsocket. Before coming to work in Whitinsville, he worked as a postal clerk and worked in The Branch River Wool Combing Mill in North Smithfield, R. I.

Ross Rojotte, Point Job, is active in civic affairs and veterans organizations. He was last month's department personality

One of the outstanding events in Jerry's life is his association with major league baseball players. He is a personal friend of Ted Williams and has visited Ted many times in the Fenway Park clubhouse. Here's how it came about.

Jerry has an uncle, Lorenzo DeNevers, who is an internationally known painter. DeNevers studied painting in Paris for fifteen years and has painted many famous people including the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Eisenhower, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Cardinal of Montreal, and many other persons in this country and Canada.

At Jerry's suggestion, he painted a portrait of Ted Williams, using a newspaper picture as his model. The painting is five feet by four feet in seven different colors and shows Williams in Red Sox uniform swinging a bat with the fans of Fenway Park in the background. It is valued at $1500. Jerry and his uncle then had lithographs made of the painting and took them to Fenway Park so that Ted could see them and give authorization to sell them. Ted was very pleased and said he'd like to see the original. A few days later Jerry took the painting to Ted's hotel room and was royally treated. Ted wants to donate the painting to the Children's Hospital in Boston. The painting has been on display in many cities during the last year and it is now in Jerry's home along with many other pictures of Ted and Jerry taken together. They hope to have the lithographs of the painting on sale in Fenway Park next season.

Gerard Biron, 411 personality of the month, is acquainted with Ted Williams

Jerry is also fortunate in having made the acquaintance of many other famous ball players such as Jim Piersall and Walt Dropo. He has visited Walt Dropo at his home on different occasions. Next month they are going to make a painting of Dropo for his home. In the spring they plan to make one of Jim Piersall. Jerry and his uncle have one more idea concerning Ted Williams. They want to make a drawing of Ted and present it to baseball's Hall of Fame the day that he joins the select list of immortals who are already members. We think that Jerry may well be proud of this collection of his, and I'm sure that many of us would like to change places with him.

We're happy to see Nick Hooyenga and Ed Kane back with us once again after being out on sick leave. . . . Roger Boudreau is recuperating from an operation. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery and we hope he'll soon be back with us again. . . . A couple of fellows are trying to run their cars on water. Chet McQuilken and Joe Bartlett never seem to bother about stopping for gasoline. . . . We have a bowling team in this department that is willing to challenge any department in the Shop. Any one interested in taking on this challenge should get in touch with "Peanuts" Johnson, Herb Hammond, Reggie Bratt, Joe Bartlett, or Walt Abramek. Some time this month they are going to bowl the Ring Job for a steak supper. We'll let you know next month who paid.

Congratulations to Leon Atteridge on receiving his fifteen-year service pin this month. Also to Bob Pelletier and Kirby Hall on receiving their five-year pins. . . . After working with us for fourteen years, Joe Winoski is going to leave us for another job down South. Sorry to see him go, but our best wishes go with him. . . . Our best wishes to the following on birthdays this month: Norman Lightbown, Roger Boudreau, Clarence Aldrich, Alec Gray, Walter Abramek, Helen Burroughs, Irving Belanger, William Porter, and Merle Macomber. . . . Congratulations to the following on anniversaries: Norman Lightbown, Donald Forgit, Bob Pelletier, Kenneth Sherman, Walter Abramek, Helen Burroughs, Reggie Bratt, William Porter, Barren Wallace, and Kirby Hall.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality: John Collins, better known as "Jack," was born May 13, 1895, in South Boston. He attended primary school in South Boston, then started to work for Stanley Woolen in Boston. After joining the Merchant Marine, he visited Egypt, Mediterranean, Turkey, Dardanelles and, after three years, came back to Boston. In 1914, work was scarce so he shipped on a Norwegian Whaler to Greenland for six months where he worked in an oil refinery. He was working on a cattle boat bound for Canada when war broke out. He was persuaded to join the Army, trained in England, served in the Dardanelles and France, and was twice wounded. After four years and 160 days in the Service he went to Scotland where he met his wife, Elizabeth Auld. They were married in Ayreshire and came back to the United States on a troopship. They came to Whitinsville in 1925 when Jack began to work for Whitin. They have three sons: James F., S/Sgt in the Air Force, now stationed in Utah; William, a set-up man on the Card Floor; and John, who works at the Shop Garage. Jack and Elizabeth also have two grandchildren. Jack lives at 31 A Street, enjoys gardening, cards, and is an ardent baseball fan.

Congratulations to Armand Turcotte for taking another prize with his dog, Nether-Lairs' HylandKurt.

This energetic creature is Chomp, purebred boxer owned by Gene Closson of Storesroom 26. The dog, born in French Morocco, now lives in Upton

ROVING SMALL PARTS AND ERECTING

by Dorothy Benson

Charles Kuipers has returned to the Whitin Machine Works after serving two years in the Armed Forces, of which 18 months were spent in Germany. He also went to Holland for a visit. He has just become an American citizen. . . . We are glad to hear that Armand Bolduc is getting well and we hope to see him back soon. . . . Buddy Putnam has decided to wear his pajama tops to work, because he is getting low on shirts. . . . Happy birthday to Vic Ziemski on January 21, and to Clarence Prouty on January 23. . . . Congratulations to Leo Tosoonian on being appointed Acting Assistant Foreman of Department 427. . . . Vic Ziemski celebrated his eighth wedding anniversary January 21.

Princess, two-year old colt owned by Patricia Stott, being broken to drive by Francis Finn, genial timekeeper of Department 432. The sulky was made by Mr. Finn

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

We're glad to welcome new faces, and this time they are Lawrence E. Warden, Wilton M. Phelan and Girard Dagesse, all on 432. . . . Aldor "Speedy" St. Germain is living in his recently-purchased house. . . . We must mention here those who were responsible for the decorations and Christmas party on 432: Mike Yozura, Gene Closson, George C. Vacher, Rene F. Rock, Henry Charron, Ronald Bibeault and Gaston Menard. Mr. John Sloan designed the unique Christmas Tree, made out of wrought iron. . . . Fire recently damaged the antique auto of Ovila St. Germain. "It's only the wires," says he, and it will be fixed up again. . . . Birthdays to Pat DeBellis (recently appointed Acting Foreman on 432), Richard Flinton, Ovila St. Germain, Frank J. Zayonc, Armand Beauchemin, Gaston Menard, Dino Ventry, Thomas Pottie and Rene Rock.

Herman Woeller, 432 personality, is shown with, from the left, John Richard, James Douglas, Hermon, Jr., and Mrs. Beatrice Woeller

Ask Mike Bodnar about the value o wearing safety shoes—he's so glad he hac a pair on recently when a large and heavy object fell on his toes. Results: one righ shoe cap slightly scuffed and no damage tc his foot, thanks to safety shoes!

Ronald Bibeault, former King Philip Ballroom employee at Lake Pearl, met al the big name band leaders who happenec to play at the ballroom. He has quite a collection of autographs too. . . . A worc of appreciation to the Plant managemen for the installation of Coca-Cola vendin machines. . . . Our Christmas colum brought results for Ann Benson. Sant Claus, bless his soul, found new homes fo all the young puppies of the Bensons' do family. . . . Apprentice "Red" Korte camp is on "detached-service" to Depart ment 413.

Personality of the Month: Herman "Hap Woeller of 432 was born in Philadelphia Pa., on March 4, 1921. He is the son of th late Herman Henry Woeller and of Ann Forster Woeller, who now makes he residence in Barrington, N. J. In Ne Jersey, Hap attended Runnemede Gram mar School, Audubon High School, an Camden Trade School for welding. O October 20, 1945, Miss Beatrice Dobl became Mrs. Woeller at the Congregation Christian Church of Lubec, Maine. I August of 1947, they moved to this Com monwealth when Hap became a W.M.W employee. He began on the Roll Job an in March of 1950, transferred to 432 and his present job as 1st class welder. Thr boys complete the family picture: Herm Henry, Jr., age 9; James Douglas, age and John Richard, age 4. Hap has ma

"Oh, don't mind him. He's giving up smoking—again!"

hobbies including hunting, fishing, fly-tying, assembling model toys, and working as a handyman.

In closing, don't forget Mama and the little lady with that heart-shaped box of candies, for it's St. Valentine's Day season.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

by Bill Scanlon

This is a new year and I hope some of you fellows will help me pep up this column by giving me plenty of news and pictures. . . . Joe Prendergast sent the boys cards from Florida stating that he had arrived O.K. and would be there for three or four weeks. . . . Adelard Ouillette is back in the Garage Repair Department after being on another job. . . . Baldy White is busy these days raising up his boat house. In the event of another flood he feels it will be safe. . . . The new ambulance is busy these days for there have been lots of sickness and many accidents. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hodgins of Dobbs Ferry, New York (she is the former Joanne Farrand) are visiting Chick Farrand who works in the Garage. . . . Bill Boileau, known as "Big Bill," is still the champion eater of Charlie Commons' department with a record of one meal of nine eggs, eleven slices of toast, three cups of coffee and four doughnuts. Harold Buxton is a close second.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington and A. R. Frueh

A good time was had at the department's annual Christmas party. The party was held at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket this year. An excellent dinner of chicken was enjoyed, after which toastmaster Arthur Roireau presented gifts to Foreman Oliver Baker, and Assistant Foreman Matt Krajewski. · Mr. Baker, an avid do-it-yourself fan, was presented an electric drill. Mr. Krajewski got a good start on his home movie hobby with the presentation of a movie screen.

The high spot of the evening was the unveiling and presenting of the "Oscar" by Mr. Baker, who is also chairman of the award committee. The first man to have the honor to actually receive this award was Leo Mullen. Leo didn't have much chance to display it however, for it "disappeared" not ten minutes later. The question now is, "Where is Oscar?"

Henry Nelson, Art Mikulski and Lionel Grondines all received suggestion awards during the month. . . . Birthday greetings this month go to Matt Krajewski and Leo Gauvin of the drill section. . . . Pete Babowitch was running around in a Ford recently. . . . We know of a lot of ice fishermen on the job, but we haven't heard any of them saying anything about fishing while we had that sub-zero weather.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Jerry Levitre and George Quist are doing very well in a bowling league in Woonsocket. Both men hit a high mark of 336 recently and are hitting for an average of 100 or better. Eddie Falardeau, another of our ace bowlers, hit a high mark of 400. Wow!!! How about that? Franny Forsythe should immediately add their names to Department 429's bowling roster.

At the Department 423 Christmas party held at the Embassy Club, Woonsocket, Foreman Oliver Baker awarded the departmental Oscar to Leo Mullen, left. Art Raireau, right, served as toastmaster

The zero weather took its toll. Many employees had the motors of their cars frozen. Leo Ethier was one of the more recent victims. . . . Since the new coke machines were installed, there is a new craze in the shop. Did you ever notice the different names under each bottle? It's fun trying to guess where each bottle is from. Some have traveled quite a distance.

Birthday greetings to Florence Zeroogian. . . . It's nice to see Johnny Campbell back at work again after his long absence. . . . George Colt is still out and our belated wishes for a quick recovery are forwarded to him. . . . Al Pauley slipped on the ice recently and broke two ribs. . . . New faces this month are Ovila Gagnon, William Robbins, Robert Guilbeault and James Edwards.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the Month: Dino J. Vetri is a comparative newcomer. Born November 2, 1932 in Woonsocket, R. I., he attended Woonsocket public schools, graduating from Woonsocket High School in 1951. While in high school he was active on the track team, specializing in the hurdles. In March, 1952, Dino joined the United States Marine Corps, emerging a PFC in March, 1955. He started working at Whitin Machine Works on the Steel Fabricating Job, Department 432, in about June of 1955. He was transferred to Department 434 on August 8, 1955, as an apprentice wood pattern maker. On August 20, a scant two weeks after his initial appearance on the department, he was married to Dorothy Zanella in Woonsocket. This was, as you remember, in the middle of the flood. Woonsocket having been hit very hard, their photographer had to cancel the appointment to take their wedding pictures. However, the wedding went on as scheduled without professional photographers. Dino spends his spare time tinkering with cars and doing a little masonry.

Ralph Houghton has acquired a new Dodge. Alfred Sutcliffe has acquired a new car also—new to him at least—it is a 1950 Dodge. Happy motoring, boys. . . . Francis Joslin has had his troubles of late—one day last month he came in all bruised from having fallen down stairs and then, about a week later, he was sporting a beautiful shiner. "Ran into the garage

"I see that the Communists' rejection of the U. S. rejection of the Communist rejection—has been rejected."

door," he says. . . . Herman Buma had an accident in his car while en route to Worcester to pick up his daughter Nancy. He was alone, fortunately, and uninjured, but the car was damaged. He skidded on glazed roads. We're glad to hear it was not too serious. . . . Congratulations to Archie Fournier on the birth of twin grandsons, David and Donald, born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Fournier on November 22, 1955 in Warwick, Rhode Island. That makes two sets of twins among Archie's grandchildren. . . . We have apprentice Nelson Bartlett back with us after a training period spent in the Foundry and the Core Room in connection with his apprenticeship. . . . Birthday greetings to Ray Fullerton and to Wilfred Whitney. Also celebrating wedding anniversaries this month are the Julien Massons, the David Richardsons, the William Taylors, and the Arthur Stohlboms. Congratulations all!

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

Personality of the month: This month we have as our personality Arthur C. Shenton, a supervisor in the Cast Iron Room. Arthur started work at the Whitin Machine Works on October 14, 1919, nearly 37 years ago. He lives at 30 High Street, Whitinsville. He came to Whitinsville from West Greenwich, Rhode Island. Arthur and his wife, Fanny, have a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hopkins, and a nine-year old granddaughter. His favorite hobby and pastime is gardening and flowers. He is especially proud of his gladioli and chrysanthemums. We congratulate Arthur on his 39th wedding anniversary which was December 22, 1955.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. George Almasian who is in the hospital. . . . Congratulations to Joe Usher who was married 20 years on January 11, 1956. . . . George Demers celebrated his birthday December 17, 1955. May he have many more. . . . The boys at 405 had their Christmas party December 16, 1955, at Vermette's Cafe, Woonsocket, R. I. We were glad to hear a fine time was had by all. We wonder who the super salesman was that sold Bernie Shaw, Al Cummings and Joe Usher cuff links. . . . Receiving 20-year pins this month were Joseph Malinowski who is a work distributor and Simon Gravel who is a Roto-blast operator. . . . Bettye Bolivar, our office girl, received her 5-year pin. . . . We welcome back to work George Kasparian who has been out since February when he was struck by a car and received a broken leg. George is an anneal packer at 405. . . . New men this month are: Chester Cleveland, Paul E. Lambert, William Robertson, Thomas W. Hill, George Barr and Arthur Carlton.

"I *told* you to get rid of those two rabbits we gave the kids for Easter!"

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

In late December, Arthur Taylor and Harry Cornell received their 20-year pins from Mr. J. H. Cunningham. We'd like to tell you briefly about each of these men. . . . Born a New Yorker, Harry attended the Northbridge Schools after moving here. He began work here in 1935 and has worked in Departments 433 and 448. He is an ardent sports fan. During World War II he saw service with the U. S. Medical Corps in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. . . . Arthur, who was born in Lancashire, England, came to this country in 1907, worked in Fall River, and later worked in various shops and mills as overseer or assistant superintendent. He joined Whitin in 1935 as a first class erector. He and Mrs. Taylor live at 504 Church Street, Whitinsville. Arthur enjoys reading, television, and do-it-yourself jobs. . . . Dick Noe, formerly of Department 433, has purchased and is operating Helen's Place, Wapa Junction, Vallenjo, California. . . . Ernest Pickup, Clint White, and Jake Haringa set the latest style in shoes in Department 433. . . . Jake Haringa recently turned his last year's unopened vacation pay envelope over to his wife. . . . Oskar Mayr is on sick leave. . . . Philip Holmes, inspector, has completed his tour of duty as a juror at Fitchburg. . . . Herman Haringa, Card Job, is serving on jury duty in Worcester. . . . Bernard Kelliher is doing a good job for the March of Dimes. He sends his thanks to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Granges, the Whitin Machine Works, and to all other persons and organizations helping the drive. . . . Remember to vote this year. . . . Celebrating February birthdays are Wade Mills, Henry Barnatt, James Scott, Tony Iannitelli, Carmen Defillipo. In March another year rolls around for Jack Walker, Bill Hall, Bill LeClair, Bob Gellatly, Leopaul Gamelin, Arthur Prince (retired), and Tom McCallum, William Demague and Germain Desrosiers. . . . Wedding anniversaries will be observed in February by Bill Hall, Dennis Cournoyer, Bob Gellatly, and Bill LeClair. In March Roy Krumbholz and Alec Wilson observe their wedding anniversaries.

Ernest Julian, Faundry Slinger Floor, examines the safety goggles which saved the sight of his right eye in December. While Ernest was pouring, molten iron spattered on the lens. Had he not been wearing his safety goggles, he would have been blinded in his right eye

"Your sons are here to see you, sir."

SPINDLE JOB

by James Robbins and John Visbeck

We commend Joe Gulino, part-time Milford taxi driver, on his attempted good deed but regret that he dislocated his shoulder while assisting an elderly lady from his cab. Joe was the one who slipped. . . . Robert Swan and Vic Gervais are now experts in the art of digging dry wells. . . . We note that our time clerk, Eva Bousquet, sometimes wears earrings that do not match. It may be the start of a new style. . . . Any boy or girl fifteen years of age may enroll without charge in the Hunter Safety School operated by Leon Fletcher. This school teaches youngsters how to shoot and how to handle guns without danger to themselves or others. Information on this training is available from Mr. Fletcher, Chief Buma or Chief Hanley. . . . On their return from a

'hristmas party in Framingham on De-
ember 10, Lena McKay, Katherine Gilroy,
'lsie Magowan and Shirley DeJordy had
ıeir car stall on a railroad crossing. They
cre rescued by Elsie Magowan's son.
. . After two days' labor Benny Mezyn-
ki completed a mail slot in the door of his
ouse. For the next two weeks the mail-
ıan left Benny's mail at a neighbor's.
. . Margaret Devlin spent the New
ear's week end with friends at Truro,
ape Cod.

ıESEARCH DIVISION

y Bernice Taylor and
ick Benoit

Rupert "Spike" Smith was born in the
nall town of Wilton, New Hampshire, on
ıe 23rd day of April in 1925. He was
eknamed "Spike" after his boyhood
wboy idol. He attended the local schools
Wilton. Following this, he went to the
niversity of New Hampshire, located at
urham-on-the-Oyster, for his higher ed-
ation, and graduated from this institu-
on of learning in 1946. He studied
achine Design for two years at Worcester
ech before coming to W.M.W. After
orking in the Metallurgical Lab for one
ear, Spike became interested in textile
achinery. He went on the road for a
hile, and then took part in the setting
of our first Bobbin Loader. In 1947,
pike started to work in the Experimental
achine Shop. He was a Supervisor in the
achine Shop for three years. Now he is a
esigner in the Engineering Department.
is chief hobby is bowling, with tennis
e runner-up. He also enjoys a good
seball game. Spike is married to the
rmer Miss Marcia Nelson of Whitins-
lle. The Smiths have two lovely daugh-
rs, Roberta, four years old, and Paula,
ho is five. Spike is the quiet type, who
acks a joke now and then, and is well
ed by everyone.

The famous month of birthdays is here
ce more. We have a formidable list.
oes this make us all famous? Anyway,
any happy returns of the day to Peter
rang, Ray Cabana, Chick Blakely,
ally Caron, Eileen Holmes and Bernice
Taylor. Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Krull.

For some strange reason, we seem to be devoid of news this month. Please report all the "doings" of Research to us. It is a little difficult to write a column without your cooperation. So get all your news in before the 15th of the month. Please—

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and
Tad Wallace

It is not everyone who is lucky enough to win a trip to Florida, especially in the winter but George Rodgers, coordinator, was, and before the "big freeze" set in too. It was actually Mrs. Rodgers who won the trip for two by merely dropping her name in a contest box at Hadley's in Worcester. The trip included a week's stay at the Delmonico Hotel at famous Miami Beach, transportation by plane, several sight-seeing tours, a high school football game in the Orange Bowl and many other attractions. These two lucky people returned home well rested and sporting real Florida tans.

Dick Walker has terminated employment at Whitin to take up a position out West. Dick's duties have been taken over by Frank Mancini, former planner for Department 426 and Frank has been replaced by Gordon Anderson of the Master Route Section. . . . Ethel Judkins, formerly of Master Route Section, has left us to become a member of the Air Force. Her enlistment started in January and she is now stationed somewhere in Texas. . . . Returnees from the sick list this month are Margaret Racicot and Brenda Cook. . . . Hector Chausse spent a few days in St. Vincent's Hospital recently for observation. It is apparent that the medics were not alarmed at what they saw, for Hector is right back at his desk, his usual self and looking the picture of health.

The office Christmas was the scene of many hilarious moments as the various gifts were opened and displayed. Bill Walsh received a nice toupee. . . . We welcome some newcomers to the Audit Group this month. They are Bruce Vacey from Storesroom 8, Edward Marteka from Storesroom 15 and Jacqueline Lemire from Storesroom 11.

The Christmas Party held at the Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club was such a success that a committee has been selected to hold a party on St. Patrick's day at the same location. The committee has asked us to announce it in the SPINDLE and to tell any and all who are interested in going to this party to send their names in to Pat DiSalvo in the office and she will make the reservations for you. If you want to have a good dinner and to dance to a good orchestra, plan to attend.

Our "Production personality" this month is Hugh Currie. Hugh, a lifelong resident of Whitinsville and Mrs. Currie, the former Katherine Mueller of Indianapolis, Indiana, live at 19 Arcade Street in town. They have two sons: 16 year old Richard, a junior at Lennox School in the Berkshires; and Hugh Robert, Jr., who is married and now resides in Glendale, R. I. . . . Hugh Currie, Sr. is a man of many interests and it is of these varied interests that we would like to acquaint you. . . . Politics interest Hugh Currie, who is Chairman of the Northbridge Republican Town Committee. He has served on some state committees, is an active member of the Massachusetts Republican Club, and was one of the campaign managers for Lt. Gov. Sumner G. Whittier. Hugh is an ardent Bible student and takes an active interest in the affairs of the Trinity Episcopal Church in town. He is a vestryman and a member of the Department of Properties and Maintenance of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. . . . Hugh has probably one of the most unique hobbies. His love of the out-of-doors has prompted him to become a mountain climber. Hugh has ascended Cannon Mountain, Mt. Welsh, and Mt. Chocorua in our neighbor state of New Hampshire. He also likes to fish and to follow his favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox. In spite of this extremely busy life, he is the senior partner in the real estate combination of Currie and Parker.

This new house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rondeau. Mrs. Rondeau is the former Lydio DeStefanis

BUSINESS MACHINES

by Lorraine Levasseur

First of all, I want to introduce myself as your new reporter. I do hope you will be cooperative in helping me to get news of interest to you.

We welcome the following: Frank Mancini, who was formerly with Department 426. He is a graduate of St. Mary's High School and of Burdett College in Boston. He is now in the Army Reserve. . . . Herbert K. Andrews, who was formerly with Methods Department, is a graduate of Northeastern with a degree in drafting. . . . Chester Pieleski was formerly with Production and is now attending Northeastern for a degree in drafting also.

When Sigurd Helland accepted his new assignment in the Research Division, the employees of the Engineering and Master List Departments presented him with a gift

Here is a bit of a story that is always good for a laugh. It seems Joe Dymek's brother-in-law gave him a tiny puppy some months back. It was quite cute then, until he found out the "cute puppy" turned out to be a great dane. Looks like Joe will have to build an addition on the house and open a store to keep his dog happy!

PAYROLL COMPUTATION. MACHINE ACCOUNTING. BUDGETS. STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Here is a new approach by a woman when buying a hat. Cathy Reeves endeavored to get her husband, Ed, into a store but, being an outdoor man, he felt more at ease pacing the sidewalk. Cathy tried on several "masterpieces" and, as the saleslady was rendering her talk, Ed peeked into the store window, hoping his dear wife had made the purchase. Observing a hideous flower-effect hat on Cathy, Ed was of the opinion his presence was needed. He learned this was merely a decoy to get him into the store. Cathy, however, had her mind set on two hats. Ed suggested buying both, which she did!

Ted Froh, Budgets Supervisor and Personality of the Month, enjoys hunting and fishing

Thoughtful Anne Sprott of Payroll brought in a cake with one candle in remembrance of Edith Allen's birthday. . . . We have had word from Trudy Beaulac, formerly of Machine Accounting, who is now working for North American in Inglewood, California. . . . Chris Myott, Machine Accounting, spent the Christmas holiday at her former home, Raleigh, N. C. . . . Ed Ovian has been added to the Timekeeping Division in Department 426 (second shift). . . . Ernie Chase, Frank Widor, Howard Cook of Machine Accounting, and Bill Hall of Payroll attended a meeting of the Worcester Chapter of National Machine Accounting Association held at the Worcester Airport, January 11. The topic was "Personnel Selection and Training." . . . Birthday greetings for January to Caroline Salatiello, Richard SanSouci, Virginia Wood, Helena Plantinga and Robert Courchene. . . . We welcome back Phyllis McQuilkin of Budgets after a two-month sick leave. . . . Helen Swanson, Budgets, has transferred to the Whitin Business Equipment Division.

Personality of the Month: Theodore L. Froh, supervisor of Budgets and the "Watchdog" of overhead accounts, has been with Whitin for six years. He came here from Ernst & Ernst in the capacity of staff industrial engineer. Ted travelled extensively while with Ernst & Ernst and knows his way around our 48 states. In his present capacity, he is in contact with all department heads in the Plant, guiding them in the use of proper accounts and is constantly on the alert for expense reductions. Ted is aggressive, makes decisions that stick, and has the qualifications to fill this important post. Ted had installed production systems in plants in Bloomington, Illinois, prior to being with Ernst & Ernst. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of German parents. Ted's dad came over to this country at the age of 15. Ted is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He has a son, Donald, formerly of Payroll Computation and Cost Departments of W.M.W. Don is married and lives in Boylston. Mrs. Barry Judson (June) is Ted's daughter. Ted is active in the Masonic Lodge and Worcester Grotto. He makes his home at 62 High Street, Whitinsville, with his wife, Betty. Ted's hobbies are fishing and hunting. He is also an expert cook and we highly recommend his charcoal-broiled steaks.

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

Our Christmas Party, with Herbie Andrews as our Santa Claus, was a decided success. Although Herbie had been transferred to the Duplicator Department a few days before the party, he returned and did an excellent job. We all wish him much success in his new position. . . . We wish Wilmot Hastings, Donald Lange and Charlie Walker happy birthdays. May they each get a cake of their owr choosing and really enjoy the day.

I sincerely thank Paul Wheeler, Hope Brown and Walter Frieswick for their help at Christmastime. . . . There was a meeting of the Process Engineering Society on January 16 at which officers for the coming year were elected. . . . Charlie Mateer's son-in-law was home for twelve days at Christmas from Thule, Greenland The family enjoyed having him during the holidays and he really had a good time seeing the sun. He comes from the land o darkness, he says, and seeing the sunshine was really a pleasure. . . . James Colton Jr., who served with the Army for fou years, has been discharged. Of course hi father, James, Sr., who works in Methods is most pleased to have him home agai with the family. Jim, Jr., says working i the Shop is quite an experience. He serve in Korea for some time but says he learne more about himself than anything els Jim, Jr., plans to enter college sometim after the fall session opens.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Don Amiro

Wage Standards celebrated Christmas b having an office party during the noon hou on December 22. A catered lunch wa served. Lee Watson furnished the musi with his accordion. Even Santa arrived t distribute the gifts. . . . The girls c Wage Standards recently held a Stor Shower for Mrs. Paul Stoll (Giggie Fettu cia). A delightful evening was had by al It was held at the home of Nancy Seagrav Andrews, a former member of Wag Standards.

Howard Sears' son, "Howie," had skating accident. He twisted his ank badly, resulting in a fracture. Unfortu nately, the break didn't show in the fir X-ray and did in the second that was take a week later. Howie is now mending. . . Birthdays for this period are those Arthur Broadhurst, Philip Kozak, Walt Lanagan, Leonard Skerry, Harley Sin mons, and Sidney Swart.

WHITIN BOWLING LEAGUE
Standings as of January 11

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost
. Planer Job	57	15
. Freight Office	48	24
. Repair Office	47	25
. Electricians	38	34
. Production	34	38
. Office	33	39
. Roll Job	32	40
. Apprentices	29	43
. Spinning	24	48
. Master List	18	54

HIGH TEAM TOTAL (5 MEN)

Freight Office	1619
Planer Job	1606
Electricians	1574

HIGH TEAM SINGLE (5 MEN)

Freight Office	581
Planer Job	553
Electricians	542

HIGH INDIVIDUAL TRIPLE

A. Gagnon	387
V. Gervais	359
Z. Dagirmanjian	353

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE

A. Gagnon	103.7
P. Rae	103.2
A. Davidson	101.8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SINGLE

A. Gagnon	158
Z. Dagirmanjian	148
H. Flinton	140

To Albert Cencak, Department 434, and rs. Cencak, a daughter, Susan, weight lbs. 11 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital, ecember 24.

To Benoit Briere, Department 416, and rs. Briere, a son, Ronald, at Woonsocket ospital on December 28.

To Frederick Keene, Electrical Department, and Mrs. Keene, a son, Daniel trick, on December 11, at Milford ospital.

To Philip Rae, Electrical Department, d Mrs. Rae, a daughter, Barbara Jean, December 30 at the Memorial Hospital, orcester.

To Leo Gauthier, Department 497, and rs. Gauthier, a son, Robert, 6 lbs. 12 nces, at Woonsocket Hospital on Janry 10.

To Mrs. Rosalie Leipper, daughter of rnon Tracy of Department 408, a daughter, weight 6 lbs. 4 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Guertin, a daughter, their fourth child, at Milford Hospital.

To Edward Rabitor and Mrs. Rabitor, a son, their eighth child, at Whitinsville Hospital on December 28.

To Edward Valk, Tool Job, and Mrs. Valk, the former Betty Wood, a son, on January 16.

Beverly Ann Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, and Joseph Del-Genio of 38 Summer Street, Medway, were married at Holy Angels' Church, Upton, January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jaslin were married November 7 at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville

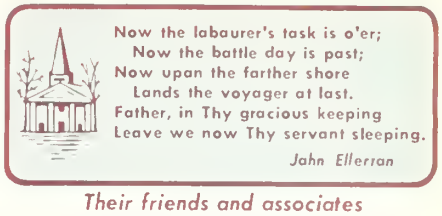
Edmond J. Leveille, Electrical Department, was married to Patricia Blair at the Good Shepherd Church, North Uxbridge, on November 19.

Alfred Capone of Methods, and Mrs. Capone announce the engagement of their daughter Jean to John Leonardi of Framingham. An April wedding is planned.

Pauline Boisvert, daughter of Howard Boisvert of Department 439, and Norman Pouliot were married at St. Augustine's Church on January 7.

Joseph H. Fenner, Department 401, was married to Reina Boileau of Northbridge on January 21 at St. Peter's Church.

Nancy Fisher of the Production Department was married to George Danahey of Blackstone on December 31.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

William Dion, Electric Truck Garage, on the passing of his father.

Nellie Cota, Department 405, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Anna Gabis.

SPINDLE reporter Margaret Newton upon the death of her father.

Robert Halacy, 454 night shift, on the loss of his 5-month old son.

Eugene Rouleau, of the Tool Job, on the death of his father.

Friends and survivors of Joseph E. Peltier, Department 439 supervisor, who died January 14.

Francis O'Brien, Department 433, on the death in December of his father.

Family and friends of Markar Haroutunian, 75, of 34 Willow Street, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on December 20. A native of Armenia, he was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for 46 years prior to his retirement in 1952.

Friends and relatives of Francis Adamski, 71, a former Whitin employee who died in Washington, D. C., on December 25.

Survivors and friends of Winfred W. Flinton, 72, who died at his home at 120 East Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, on January 9.

Family and friends of Linwood W. Henry, 31, of 97 Douglas Street, Uxbridge, who died December 24. He was a clerk at the Whitin Machine Works.

Friends and relatives of Arthur F. Christian, 59, a Whitin employee who died recently at his home at 17 Court Square, Milford.

Survivors and friends of Joseph P. Roy, 39, of 19 Whitin Street, Uxbridge, who died at his home on January 8. He was a crane operator at the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of Ernest Baxendale, 67, of 44 Fairlawn Street, Whitinsville, who died at St. Vincent Hospital, January 13.

Clarence Visser on the death of his father, Karst Visser.

Friends and relatives of Henry J. Demuth of 133 Albion Street, Woonsocket, who died recently. He was employed in 439.

Annie Mantell and Hannah Frieswyk on the death of their mother.

Diana Isabelle and Henry Isabelle on the death of their mother.

Foreman Dean Perkins on the death of his brother-in-law, Edwin Farrar.

Relic of *Another* American Revolution

FIFTY-FOUR years ago a new century turned over and with it, American industry rounded another corner. The old blacksmith's forge, which for centuries had served our needs for many of the tools of production in the agricultural era, was on its way to becoming the old curiosity shop we see in the picture above, occupied only by the ghosts of the past. The industrial revolution was in full swing.

THIS peaceful revolution—which at one and the same time has taken the drudgery out of the production of goods and given more and better goods to more people—was set off by our inventive genius, flourishing in a climate of freedom. And the fire of genius, invention and progress has been kept going by the willingness of millions of Americans to save and invest in industry—in the future of the nation.

THE WHITIN

Spindle

March 1956

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Frank DeVeau, Painter in Department 452, lives on Park Street, Uxbridge. He has a son, a daughter, and 3 grandchildren. Frank has been with Whitin since 1922

Adolph Morin, of Department 451, wa born in Moores, New York in 1883. H started at Whitin in 1906. He lives i Whitinsville and his hobby is gardenin

Mrs. Jeanne B. Allen, Matron, is a past president of both the Women's Relief Corps, and George L. Wood VFW, Upton Auxiliary. She has 2 sons and 5 grandchildren

Vera Carr, Inspector on the Spindle Jol lives on Pine Street, Whitinsville. She a good bowler and is President of th Whitinsville Women's Bowling League

Philip Brochu, of the Bolster Job, operates a painting machine. He has been with Whitin since 1933. He has a son, John, age 21. In his spare time Phil enjoys TV

Albert DeJong, Foundry Molder, has 3 daughters and 2 sons, and lives on Overlook Street, Whitinsville. His hobbies are carpentry, gardening, and farming

Philias Remillard, of Department 411, a wife Julia live in Linwood. They ha 7 sons, 3 daughters, and 7 grandchildr Phil is a rabid Red Sox fan

he production of Whitin flyers requires oth hond and mochine operotions. lfred Goulet, operating a Worner wazey turret lathe, finish turns the top ub of a flyer. After this operation the yers, as shown on the barrel on the left, ore about half finished

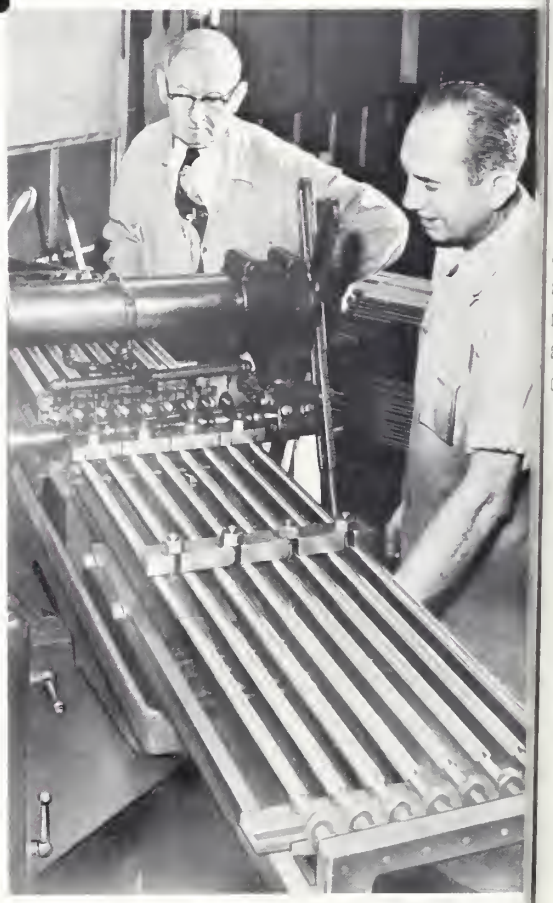
FLYERS *for Roving Frames*

See story and pictures pages 3, 4 and 5

The dynamic balance of each completed flyer must be within plus or minus twenty grains. To insure this balance, Archie Ledue checks cotton-type flyers on a Hofmann Light-Ray Balancing Machine, a device built in Germany

Flyers in operation on mill installation

It is more important that the surfaces of the flyers be as smooth as possible in order that the flyer will not catch fibers. On this belt sander Joel Racicot polishes the outside of about twenty flyers an hour



Each roving spindle must be keyed to the flyer which it drives. On the left Bernard Roddy, group leader, observes as George Plitouke mills slots in eight roving spindles

Flyers FOR ROVING FRAMES *(continued)*

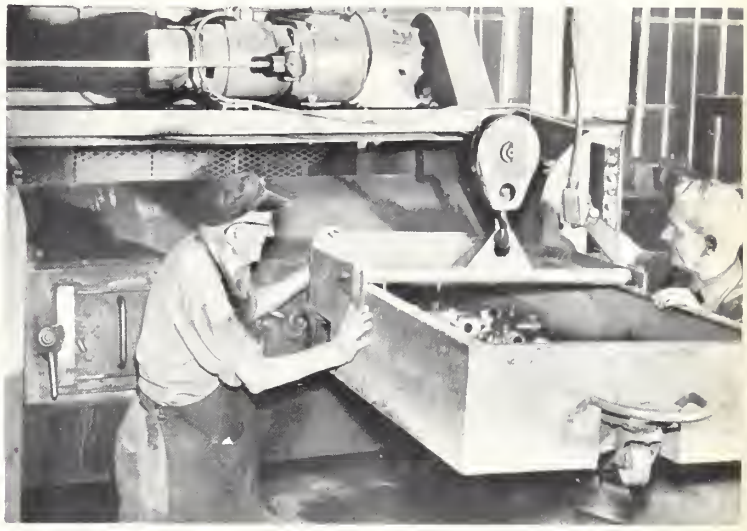
In these days of automation and highly specialized mechanical skills there is still important work which must be done by hand. Even in many of Whitin's most modern departments unique hand skills are still required. This is particularly true of Department 435—the Flyer Job. Of the forty-two operations remaining on a flyer after it is rolled and rough-formed, twenty-two are hand operations.

A flyer is a U-shaped device which carries the roving from the front roll of a Roving Frame to a bobbin. One leg of the flyer is hollow to carry the fiber; the other leg is solid and provides balance. At times the department has manufactured as many as ten thousand flyers a month.

The Flyer Job, like all departments, strives to offer each customer exactly the product he needs for his mill. While there are nine sizes of cotton flyers and five sizes of worsted flyers manufactured, the Company makes many variations of each to match the bobbins used by the particular customer. For the same reason—customer satisfaction—flyers are offered in a number of finishes: cadmium, nickel, Whitin Black, and Endurion.

Each flyer is driven by a spindle which is also manufactured in this department. This too is precision work as the diameter of the spindle must be held to .0005″ and when the spindle is straightened the runout must not exceed .002″. Roving spindles are known to have an extremely long life and records indicate that they often have a mill life of 30 years or more.

Finish is equally important in the roving spindles which drive the flyers. Foreman Dean Perkins, extreme right, inspects o roving spindle which has been centerless ground by Joseph Berkowicz, left, and Peter Kurek



The tumbling barrels of the department are always busy. Joseph Hunt, left, and Thomas Eccleston load a hundred babbin gears into a crown abrasive tumbling barrel in order to remove burrs ond sharp edges. The revolving barrel contains water, a cleaner, and 600 pounds of pebble-like aluminum oxide

Cotton-type flyers require o presser to guide the roving from the flyer to the bobbin. Fabian Corron, an experienced workmon, bends a steel rod, one of the steps in the moking of a presser

In addition to hand tools and gauges, the twenty-five men supervised by Dean Perkins use a variety of grinders, polishers, abrasive tumbling barrels, lathes, and drills. They are assisted in their work by an inspector and a timekeeper-planner.

The Job also assists other departments by doing a great deal of abrasive tumbling to remove burrs and improve the finish on hundreds of different parts. Currently it is tumbling about 200,000 pieces a week.

Dean Perkins, who became Foreman November 28, 1949, lives with Mrs. Perkins and their son, 17-year old Dean, Jr., at 5 Grove Street, Whitinsville.

Among the senior employees in this department are: Fabian Corron, 50 years; Peter Kurek, 46 years; Joseph Berkowicz, 44 years; Joel Racicot, 35 years; Archie Ledue, 32 years; George Plitouke, 27 years; Bernard Roddy, 25 years; John Cunningham, 20 years; and Joseph Hunt, 20 years.

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EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM

When the Allies invaded Europe, their tanks were stopped by the tough hedgerows of Normandy. A way had to be found to break through them quickly. An ordinary G.I. worked out a simple device made of scrap metal to attach on the front of a tank. It did the trick!

Every Company comes up against new problems from time to time. Some of them stump even the experts, but it is not always an inventor or expert who finds the solutions. Many times it is the operator of a machine or the man right in the department who sees how the job might be done better.

Whether it's hedgerows in Normandy or production problems in your department, a winning answer may come from unexpected sources.

FRONT COVER: This month our feature article is about the men, products, and machines of the Flyer Job. On our cover is an artist's drawing of a Flyer in operation. Pictured is a Roving Frame which clearly shows the Flyer's relationship to the machine.

Whitin Personality

FLETCHER O. RIZER, Production Manager, is a deep-voiced, six-foot, 200-pound Texan who possesses a vigorous, forceful, and dynamic personality. He heads a department of 300 employees which decides where, when, and by whom parts for our textile machines will be made. As far as production is concerned, this department might well be called the quarterback of the Whitin team.

Fletcher was born in Newkirk, Oklahoma, on May 16, 1907. In 1913 his family settled in Dallas, Texas, where he attended the local schools. After he graduated from high school he supplemented his education by attending night schools and by completing correspondence courses in accounting and engineering.

In a sense, he can claim Southern Methodist University as his Alma Mater, for during World War II he set up, supervised, and taught the school's outstanding Production Control program. He was fitted for that responsibility by his broad experience in industry.

However, Fletcher's first job was that of a surveyor, but after a brief period he changed his vocation and became an employee of the General Electric Company as a perpetual inventory clerk. In 1933 he began work at the Ford Motor Company and rose from stock man to Assistant Superintendent. During the first stages of World War II he was drafted from Ford Motor Company to work at North American Aviation for the purpose of arranging and simplifying the production of airplanes by use of assembly techniques used at Ford. At North American, as Superintendent of Manufacturing and Control, he headed a force of 2500 men and organized and set up the firm's B24 and C82 assembly lines. He later moved to Fairchild Aircraft Corporation in the same capacity. He became a member of the Whitin organization in 1946.

Fletcher and Mrs. Rizer, the former Frances Elkin, were married in Dallas on August 2, 1927. They have two children and two grandchildren. Their son, 23-year old Fletcher, Jr., resides in Dallas, and 17-year old Patsy Lou lives with her parents at 42 Whitin Avenue, Whitinsville.

Fletcher is active in Masonic and professional organizations as well as being President of the Northbridge Agencies. He enjoys sports, particularly golf and baseball. He also enjoys working in his shop at home. Concerning the 1956 baseball season he says "It should be the Yankees in a walk—my only possible worry is that the Red Sox now have a Texas manager."

SPINDLE REPORTERS FETED

Spindle reporters have pictures taken before dinner is served

THE WHITIN SPINDLE staff reporters were guests of the Whitin Machine Works at a specially prepared dinner in the cafeteria on the evening of January 24. The dinner, catered by Carr of Providence, was served to fifty reporters and guests. The main course was breast of chicken on ham. The gleaming white table linen, sparkling crystal, and glistening silver on the flower-decorated tables made an appropriate and attractive setting for the special occasion. Rose corsages were provided for the ladies, who were attractively gowned, and carnation boutonnieres for the men.

At the conclusion of the dinner, SPINDLE Editor Norman Wright welcomed the reporters and introduced guest speaker Mr. O. L. FitzRandolph, Public Relations Director and Industrial Editor, who is associated with the Godfrey L. Cabot Company, makers of carbon black and other petroleum products. Mr. FitzRandolph, a Past President of the Massachusetts Industrial Editors Association and Editor of the highly-regarded industrial publication, *The Flame*, spoke with humor and authority on the subject "What Is News?"

Following his talk, John Sanderson outlined the Company's efforts to promote sales communicating with its customers, present and potential, through advertising and the WHITIN REVIEW. Copies of all 1955 Whitin trade magazine advertisements were shown to the reporters, and a brief description of the operations of the Advertising Department was presented.

Final portion of the program was the showing of a movie entitled "Everybody's Business," an animated cartoon which explained our American business system in a unique manner.

Seated at another table were *Spindle* reporters and invited guests. Each of the ladies was presented a corsage of red roses and the men received o carnation boutonniere

Another group of reporters pose for Photographer Malcolm Pearson

GERARD G. BOUVIER — *"Apprentice of the Year"*

Gerard G. Bouvier, who lives in Manville, Rhode Island, has been in the employ of the Whitin Machine Works since 1947. As a veteran of World War II he has been enrolled in the Whitin Apprentice School where he will complete a five-year course in die sinking and will graduate as a journeyman next June.

The Company has thought so highly of Mr. Bouvier as to nominate him last August for recognition by the National Association of Manufacturers as one of the outstanding apprentices of our country. The Company called attention to Mr. Bouvier's high intelligence, mechanical comprehension, manual dexterity, demonstrated maturity of judgment and willingness to assume responsibility. The Company cited Mr. Bouvier also for his superb accomplishments in both the theory and the practice of his chosen field. Because he possesses these qualities, the Company proposed that Mr. Bouvier be recognized also as the Apprentice-of-the-Year in Massachusetts.

Not only was Mr. Bouvier acknowledged as one of five outstanding apprentices in Massachusetts, but he was also unanimously selected as the foremost apprentice in Massachusetts for the year 1955.

Gerard G. Bouvier, selected as the Industrial Apprentice of the Year by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, received the congratulations of President J. Hugh Bolton. John C. Baker, recently appointed Director of Apprentices, was himself elected Industrial Apprentice of the Year in 1953. He is shown looking on

On February 4, Mr. Erik O. Pierson, Vice President, Mr. Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director, and Mr. John C. Baker, Apprentice Director, accompanied Mr. Bouvier to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where the Associated Industries of Massachusetts was conducting its Fifth Annual Management Seminar. Immediately after luncheon, Mr. Kurtz M. Hanson, President of the Associated Industries, presented to Mr. Bouvier a certificate of high commendation from Mr. Cola G. Parker, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, and presented to Mr. Bouvier a bronze plaque, appropriately inscribed, in recognition of his being selected as the 1955 Apprentice of the Year in Massachusetts. Mr. Bouvier received these honors in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering which applauded him for his noteworthy record and remarkable achievement.

The officers of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts found it significant that our recently appointed Apprentice Director, Mr. John C. Baker, was himself elected the Apprentice of the Year in Massachusetts in 1953. We are proud to recall also that in 1952 another apprentice, Jerome Rodman, had been entered in the National Gray Iron Molding Contest and that he received the second highest award from the American Foundrymen's Society, sponsors of the contest.

It need hardly be stressed that skilled craftsmen are vital to our nation in peace as well as in war. In recognition of this need for competent artisans, the Whitin Machine Works has been conducting an Apprentice School offering training in numerous skills and trades, and has achieved an enviable record for the excellence of the training and instruction given, and for the excellent accomplishments of its graduates.

Whitin apprentices are constantly augmenting our ranks of skilled craftsmen. Now the most accomplished of these select workers are also afforded opportunities to receive additional training and to qualify for supervisory and other managerial posts. Stuart White, Henry Krawczyk and Arthur Bokoski, are presently receiving such special training. Although our Apprentice Program is comparatively new, it is interesting to observe that some of our Apprentice School graduates have already attained supervisory or managerial status, e.g. John C. Baker, Apprentice Director; John Stanovich, Assistant Foreman of Department 409; Armand Cournoyer, Designer in the Masterlith Offset Duplicating Department; and Thaddeus Minior, Supervisor in the machine shop of the Research Division.

We hope that the accomplishments of Mr. Gerard G. Bouvier and his fellow apprentices will encourage other workers to seek to grow in knowledge and in skill.

WHITIN—

A Great Textile Tradition

The company store was not only a place where household supplies could be purchased but was also the post office and unofficial meeting place for the town's cracker-barrel philosophers. There one could arrange to get a garden plowed, hire a team, buy a coffin, and hear all the latest news. The town's first library was on the second floor. Photo by courtesy of the Whitinsville Social Library

CHAPTER III

Four of the Whitin brothers—Paul Jr., John, Charles, and James (who had joined the partnership in 1847)—were strong-willed and able business men. Since 1831, the able matriarch, Betsey Fletcher Whitin, had held them together, but as she grew older it became inevitable that the brothers should go their separate ways.

In our story of the founding and growth of our Company it would be easy to overemphasize the account of buildings erected and machines sold, overshadowing the fact that, at all periods, both the men who managed and the men who worked here were indeed very human. The hopes and aspirations of these men as well as of their families all contributed to the Plant we know today. Something of the character of these sturdy and industrious people—a priceless heritage—has been built into the foundations of both the Company and the Town.

In Whitinsville, in the 1850's, drinking, card-playing, and dancing were frowned upon, and the "wildest dissipation was the semi-monthly meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Society." The local population was churchgoing both by inclination and habit, and each Whitin apprentice was required to attend religious services unless he was confined to a sick bed under a doctor's care. The pews of the Congregational Church were filled at every service. The nearest Catholic Church was in Uxbridge and many people faithfully made their way there every week to attend services. An early historian records, "And it was a great hardship, especially through Lent . . . as much of the time the roads were bad, and they had no way of getting there save walking."

But there was humor in these people too, then as now—the practical joke, the dry quip, and belly-shaking laugh all made life a little easier. In 1852, after the election of Pierce, Paul Jr. lost his job as postmaster to a Democrat. The new postmaster insisted on moving the postoffice from one side of the Company store to the other and was most irate when, after hours, someone moved the postoffice back to its former location.

It was in this store that Charles Whitin, after watching a stingy deacon make a free lunch on the cheese, observed when the deacon bought a very small portion to take home that the deacon might "Take some home for Mary

During a short-lived business recession, the firm of P. Whitin & Sons kept John's skilled work force intact and employed by building and equipping the Rockdale mill. This is but one of the early examples of the Company's interest in the welfare of the employees

A Great Textile Tradition

(continued)

This is what the well-dressed young lady in Whitinsville was wearing in 1859. Should these styles return it would indeed be a boon to the textile industry

Then as now, both religion and education were important to the people of Whitinsville. This photograph shows the Church Street schoolhouse standing beside the old Congregational Church which was built in 1834 and razed in 1898

Ann, too." Outside the store, John C. once willingly paid a quarter to the owner of a trained bear to make the animal climb a tree, but refused to pay another quarter to make the bear climb down. "No need to," declared John. "Your bear'll come down when he gets tired."

There was sturdy independence too. In addition to the Social Library, the Ladies' Sewing Society, and the Society To Protect Fruit From Being Stolen, there was a Temperance Society. When a seventy-year old member of the Temperance Society remarried, his son by his first marriage served wine in celebration. The Society was concerned and met to consider the case. The historian records "Hon. Paul Whitin (Jr.) was president and of course punished with much gravity and dignity." The son refused to make excuse, refused to apologize, and was expelled.

High point of the 1855 social season was the wedding on June 6 of John C. Whitin's daughter, Miss Jane or "Jenny," and Josiah Lasell. The young couple had met at fashionable Lasell Seminary where Jenny was a student and Josiah was headmaster. For weeks thereafter the local ladies discussed over their tea cups the wedding in every detail—the weeks of preparation, the flower-decked church, the hordes of guests, the special train which carried Josiah and Jenny to Worcester. While the accounts of the wedding shed light on many of the historical details of the times, of lasting importance was the report that Josiah was to become an active influence in the business.

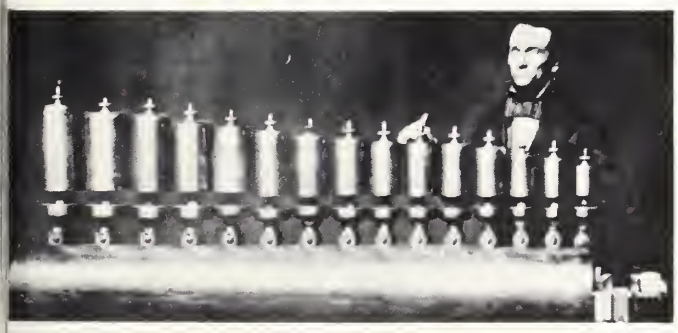
When the Whitinsville shops could not keep up with the orders for Whitin machines, John C. Whitin for a time also manufactured his machines at this shop in Holyoke. As soon as possible, he consolidated his manufacturing in Whitinsville, thus making possible the town of today

Around this time there was increased interest in intercollegiate sports. Both men and women crawded the shores to watch the college boys when the first intercollegiate regatta was held on Lake Quinsigamond

This was in the year that the town ordinances first made it an offense, punishable by fine of $5.00, to pasture cattle on the public streets and an offense, punishable by fine of $1.00, for anyone to slide on the public streets or ways (sidewalks).

Now during the period 1850–1857 John C. Whitin's shop, still part of the partnership of P. Whitin & Sons, grew steadily. In addition to smaller orders, he received, about once a year, an order for completely equipping a mill, an order that took about six months to fill. In 1857–1858 came a short, severe depression: in the first eight months of 1857 John received orders for $140,000 worth of machines; in the last four months his orders dwindled to only $8,750. P. Whitin & Sons kept their skilled work force intact and employed by building and equipping the Rockdale Mill.

In 1859 the Company faced and met a tremendous challenge. Business conditions improved, and Whitin took orders for $330,000 worth of machines, far more than he could build in the Whitinsville Shops. At that stage John C. Whitin decided to buy a shop in his own name. On April 18, 1860, he purchased from Alfred Smith for $150,000 a large well-equipped machine shop in Holyoke, Mass., about sixty miles west of Worcester. For a period of three years and nine months Whitin machines were manufactured both at Whitinsville, where John received only his proportional share of the net income, and at Holyoke, where he was sole owner.



Who can think of an old-time circus without recalling the iron-lunged voice of the calliope? This musical instrument was invented by Staddard in Worcester during this period

There has been an erroneous impression that John's Holyoke venture was not a success. While it is true there was some difficulty in starting this venture, during the last half of its existence the Holyoke Shop prospered and earned ten per cent on the original investment. For a time, about as many Whitin Machines were built in Holyoke as were built in Whitinsville.

Even though the venture was profitable, there were two good reasons which persuaded John to liquidate the Holyoke Shop. With the exception of making a few milling machines, Whitin did no war work, but other firms who were engaged in war work, pirated his laborers. Because John had no one to whom he could delegate authority, he found it necessary to spend at least three days a week in Holyoke. A one-way trip between the two shops was an arduous, five-hour journey by railroad, and was a particular hardship to John because rheumatism was beginning to trouble him at this time.

Meanwhile, the family's cotton mills were largely idle because of a shortage of raw cotton, with the result that John's brothers had little to do. John, working harder than ever before, saw his three brothers, not only drawing the bulk of the income from the partnership manufacturing machinery, but also dominating the business which he had started and which he alone could properly manage. Since John decided that he would be a sole entrepreneur, the matriarchal Betsey Whitin, then in her eighty-sixth year, could no longer hold together the various enterprises as one family business.

Consequently, on January 1, 1864, the manufacturing properties of P. Whitin & Sons were distributed among the owners, each shareholder receiving a just portion of the firm's assets. John received as his share the Machine Shop, while his brothers divided the various cotton mill properties then owned by the partnership. John, at last master of his own shop in Whitinsville, was about to embark on an ambitious expansion program.

THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERATION.

JEFFERSON DAVIS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 9.—In the southern congress, to-day, Mr. Memminger presented model flags from the ladies and citizens of South Carolina. A committee was appointed on a flag, a seal, a coat of arms, and a motto for the southern confederacy. The president was then directed to appoint committees on foreign affairs, finance, military affairs, naval affairs, commerce, and patents.

The congress then unanimously elected Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, president, and Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia, vice president, of the southern confederacy. A committee of three was then appointed to procure suitable buildings in Montgomery for the executive departments of the provisionah government.

SIDELIGHTS

ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF 1850-1864

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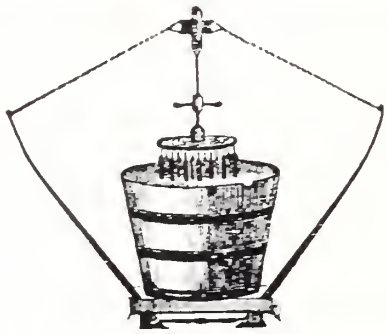

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FACTS AND FANCIES.

A sore throat disease is making sad ravages in Kingston and other towns on the Hudson river. It operates very much like croup. The first symptoms are fever and pain in the head and limbs.

"You look," said an Irishman to a pale, haggard smoker, "as if you had got out of your grave to light your cigar, and couldn't find your way back again."

THERE is a large hog in New Brunswick, which will be "guessed for," on Christmas day. The hog is to be weighed alive, and the person guessing the nearest to its weight gets the hog.

WHY are ladies the biggest thieves in existence? Because they steel the peticoats, bone the stays, and crib the babies.

Yes, and book each other's dresses.

A motion has been already made in the Senate for the abolition of the franking privilege. This privilege directly and indirectly, costs millions every year, and it leads to enormous corruptions, in costly editions of poor books.

NEVER open the door to a little vice, lest a great one should enter also.

Two farmers living in Bridge Creek, Michigan, who have devoted one day in four to hunting, have within the space of three months, killed thirty-two bears, three wolves, and one wild cat.

THE whole military company in Dayton, Ohio, fell in love with a beautiful young lady, a Jewess, and as they couldn't all have her, they compromised the matter by selecting her as their captain.

THE Courier and Enquirer says Brooklyn is the third or fourth city in the United States, in point of population—it being computed at 220,000.

THE orange crop of Louisiana this season is very large, and the crop is selling from plantations at from six to eight dollars per thousand.

THE bracelet presented to Piccolomini at her benefit in New York, is said to be worth $1000.

A bill has been introduced into the Arkansas legislature to prohibit the sale of patent medicines in the State.

THE Dwight Mills have in the last six months, made eight millions yards cotton cloth, paying for the labor $129,636, for cotton, $423,484, and for other expenses $54,759.

☞ Mr. Cooper, the novelist, being in New city lately, he and the editor of the Home Jou N. P. Willis, were conversing upon the period w they met in Paris, 1832:

"I was calling upon Lafayette one day (said Cooper) and was let in by his confidential servan who, it struck me, showed signs of having something to conceal. He said his master was at home, and after a moment's hesitation, made way for me to go on as usual to his private room—but I saw that there was some embarrassment. I walked in and found the General alone. He received me with the same cordiality as ever, but inquired with some eagerness who let me in, and whether I met an old acquaintance going out. I told him that his old servant had admitted me, and that there was certainly something peculiar in the man's manner; but as I had seen no one else, I knew nothing more. "Ah," said the General, "that fellow put him in the side room. Sit down, and I will tell you. Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte was here two minutes ago!"

I expressed surprise, of course, for this was in "33, when it was death for a Bonaparte to enter France. "Yes," continued the General, "and he came with a proposition. He wishes to marry my grand daughter Clementine, unite the republicanists and the imperialists, make himself emperor, and my grand-daughter emperatrice!" "And, if it be not an indiscreet question," I said, "what was your answer, my dear General!" "I told him," said Lafayette, "that my family had the American notion on that subject, and choose husbands for themselves—that there was the young lady—he might go and court her, and if she liked him, I had no objection."

Husk Beds. Now (the husking season) is the time to secure the best and most durable under beds. All the inner husks of the corn should be saved for this purpose. True, it takes a great many to make a bed, but when once the sack is filled, it is a bed for life, and it is the lightest and softest thing of the kind that one could desire. The husks curl up and they dry and never mat down afterwards. Moreover no insects ever lodge in them, as vermin do in straw. They are perfectly clean; and being of a strong and tough texture, they will not wear out for years. We regard a good husk bed as cheap at $5. A yound married couple, to the end of life, however long, will have no occasion to fill a new under bed, if they once have their sacks filled with good, soft, well-dried corn husks. We had all ours filled fifteen years ago, and they are to this day "good as new."

Maine Cultivator.

From Gen. Hooker's Army.

Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, Camp near Falmouth, Jan. 26.—*General Order No.* 1.—By direction of the president of the United States, the undersigned assumes command of the army of the Potomac. He enters upon the discharge of the duties imposed by this trust with a just appreciation of their responsibility. Since the formation of this army, he has been identified with its history. He has shared with you its glorious successes and reverses with no other thought than that these relations might remain unchanged until its destiny should be accomplished. In the record of your achievements there is much to be proud of, and with the blessing of God we will contribute something to the renown of our arms and the success of our cause. To secure these ends your commander will require the cheerful and zealous co-operation of every officer and soldier in this army.

Joseph Hooker,
Maj. Gen. commanding.

From the Plains. Letters from the South Pass of the Rocky Mountains dated July 8th, are published in the St. Louis Republican. There had been a heavy sickness and a great number of deaths among the emigrants, the diarrhœa and congestive fever proving the most fatal. A great number of cattle had been killed on the Upper Platte and Sweetwater, by the poisonous alkali water. Grass was scarce on all the water courses. The Pawnees Crow and Snake Indians were left on the route of travel where hitherto they had been found very troublesome.

Reduction of Railroad Fares.—We learn that the fare from Blackstone to Boston over the Boston and New York Central, has been reduced from $1 25 to 75 cents. This is but a fraction over two cents a mile—the cheapest railroad travelling in New England.

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☞ The Hon. Daniel Webster was seen passing down the South side of State street the other day—at the same time the Hon. Horace Mann was seen passing up the North side of State street.

Boston paper.

That's all very natural, and it may be very ominous. Daniel Webster on the *South* side—of course. Horace Mann on the *North* side, just where he should be. Daniel Webster going *down*—who doubts it? Horace Mann *coming up*—the natural consequence of fidelity to truth and principles. There was more significance in this little paragraph thaa the writer seemed to be aware of.

Enormous Prices of Slaves.—The *Central Organ*, published in the parish of Avoyelles, gives the following high prices brought by the thirteen field hands at a succession sale which took place a few days ago in that parish:

"Benton, aged 10 years, $1365; Amanda, 14 years, $1475; Hayden, 15 years, $1525; Patsey, 16 years, $1600; John, 17 years, $1820; Harrison, 15 years, $1885; Louisa, 25 years, $1955; George, 19 years, $2000; Silas, 21 years, $2020; Charles, 19 years, $2065; Laura, 16 years, $2070; James, 21 years, $2150; Lewis, 31 years, $2360.

It is difficult to conceive how slave labor can be profitably applied at such exorbitant prices. If an adult field hand is worth over $2300, what would a first rate negro mechanic bring on the auction table?—*N. O. Bee.*

As the frontier rolled West, it was said that the first sound in the clearings was the ring of the settler's axe; the second sound was the circuit riders cheery hello. These devoted preachers, most of whom died young from exposure and overwork, had reached the Pacific by the 1850's

THE AMERICAN SCENE

Our Nation 1850–1864

The period 1850–1864 in our national history began with the hope that a peaceful solution to a great problem—slavery—had been found. It was a forlorn hope. Yet, during these years other important events happened that should not be forgotten, for both war and peace helped shape the destiny of our town and company.

In the decade before the Civil War, John C. Whitin's machine shop was typical of the great industrial development of New England. Nevertheless, this period was marked by friction and unrest which ultimately led to that great American tragedy, the Civil War. The first crisis was precipitated by the men lured to California in search of gold. They found treasure in the gravel banks, and in the first eleven months of 1850 shipped from San Francisco gold dust and nuggets amounting to $17,822,877. At the same time, California requested of Congress admission as a free state—an action that would upset the equal political balance in the Senate between free and slave states.

Still foremost in the Senate was that great trio—Senators Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, and John Calhoun. Clay proposed a compromise, The Compromise of 1850; Calhoun attacked it; and Daniel Webster, making the last great speech of his career, supported it. Calhoun died within the month, while Clay and Webster, having won their last great battle, within two years were relieved of all earthly cares by death. The Compromise was passed—California entered the Union as a free state in exchange for a drastic fugitive slave law which required fugitive slave cases to be tried in federal courts.

Nor was our own area somnolent. In Worcester, for example, Esther Howland was the first person in the United States to commercialize the making of valentines. In his Worcester factory Ichabod Washburn produced piano wire for the first time in the United States. In Worcester also, on October 23 and 24, 1850, the first national convention of women advocating female suffrage, the National Women's Rights Convention, was held.

When Jenny Lind, the famous Swedish nightingale, sang in Worcester, she was followed by crowds, for she combined with a rare personality "histrionic ability and wonderful vocal art." Touring the United States for two years under contract to P. T. Barnum, she attracted such attention that she had to hire one of the first private railroad cars

In the 1850's the Americans, as before and since, were a religious people. The circuit riders, who earlier had brought the word of God to isolated families in the areas east of the Mississippi, had reached the Pacific. These devoted men, traveling five thousand miles a year on

Night and day the swift clipper ships built by Donald McKay raced across the oceans, making the American merchant marine the best in the world. Perhaps the most beautiful vessel ever built was the *Flying Cloud*

horseback, in the saddle for weeks at a time over wild and rough country, preaching twice a day on weekdays and three times a day on Sunday, speaking in log cabins and bar-rooms, were the greatest religious and moral force on the frontier as it moved westward.

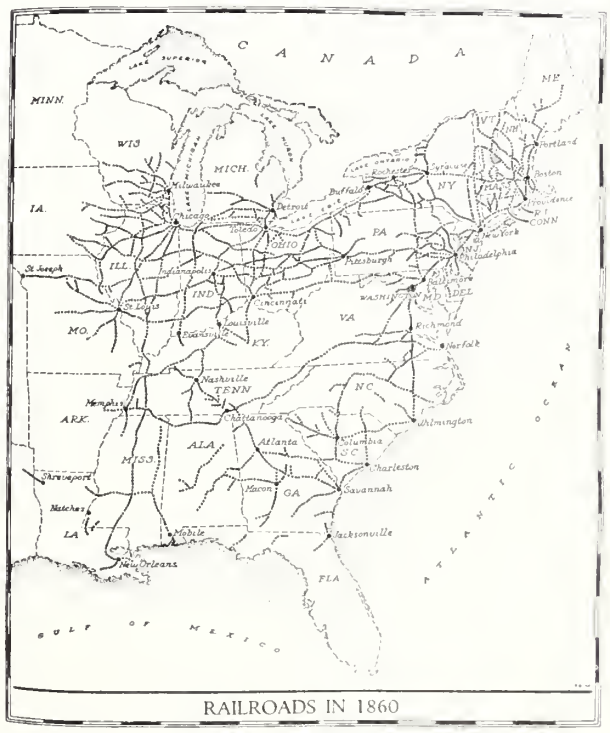
Over in Lawrence the faulty, five-story Pemberton Mill collapsed on nearly a thousand textile workers. As the thunderous rumble died away, fire swept the ruins where five hundred twenty-five casualties were entombed. On the lighter side, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joseph Barker, in jail for rioting and obscene language, was nominated, as a joke, for mayor. The joke backfired, for Barker was elected and made a rowdy but not unconscientious chief magistrate.

In Boston, on a bitterly cold December afternoon in 1850, Donald McKay launched the *Stag-Hound*, his first clipper, and the first of the most beautiful sailing ships ever built by man. He built others: the *Flying Cloud*, *Mastiff*, *Flying Fish*, *Westward Ho*, *Romance of the Seas*, *Sovereign of the Seas*, *Great Republic*, *Lightning*, and *Glory of the Seas*. These great clippers, although laden down with heavy cargoes, moved faster through the water than the best sailing and racing yachts designed by the scientific architects of today.

There was no veneer or sham about the beauty of these Massachusetts clippers. They were well and solidly built of the best oak, Southern pine, and hackmatack, copper fastened and sheathed with Taunton yellow metal. Scamping or skimping never occurred to a clipper-ship builder, and if it had, no Yankee workman would have stayed in his yard.

While these queenly ships ruled the seas, American genius was making giant strides also on land. Bessemer and Kelly found a cheap process for making steel; Bunsen invented the burner bearing his name; Otis patented his elevator brake; Borden discovered evaporated milk; Mason offered his new jars for sale; Vail made an electric locomotive; Gatling invented the machine gun. Other inventions of the period included the typewriter, gyroscope, ophthalmoscope, spectroscope, rubber dental plates, and the player piano.

Before the depression of 1857–58, the country experienced a time of great expansion. Railroads, originally designed as feeders for canals and rivers, were linked into longer lines. "During the 1850's the New York Central combined several shorter lines so that a traveler could go to Buffalo without a change of cars; the Erie reached Dunkirk on Lake Erie; the Pennsylvania reached Pittsburgh, and the Baltimore and Ohio crossed the Alleghenies to Wheeling. . . . The 30,000 miles of railroad which had been built by the opening of the War Between the States had equipped the region east of the Alleghenies with a skeleton system which was to grow rapidly in the years to come."



RAILROADS IN 1860

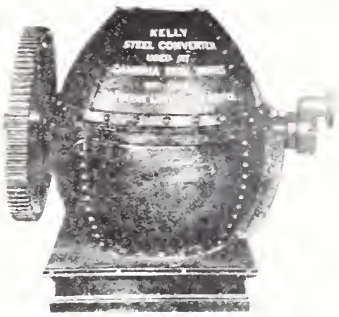
While the West was still primitive, the states of the East were already linked together by ever increasing numbers of railroads. Farsighted men were already linking the shorter lines together into great systems

On the battlefields, the great drama of the Civil War was being ployed. This actual photograph of Lincoln conferring with his officers on the field, was taken by one of the great early photographers, Brady

The American Scene (*continued*)

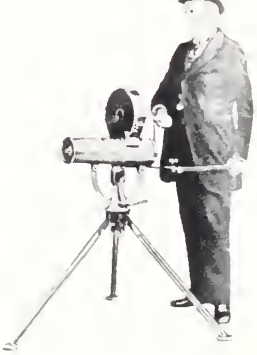
In education, the great work of Horace Mann and Henry Barnard paid off. By 1860 the nation was committed to a public school system, including elementary and high schools, and topped by the state university—all supported by public funds.

Against this background, politics went on as usual. Stephen A. Douglas undid the work of Clay and Webster and revived the slavery question with the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854. The resulting warfare made Kansas known as "Bleeding Kansas." John Brown, fresh from anti-slavery murders in Kansas, spoke in Worcester in 1857, and went on to his Harper's Ferry raid. His execution in 1859 engendered the song about his "body lay a-mouldering in his grave, . . ."



Above: Of greater importance was the Kelly, mare cammonly called the Bessemer, pracess af making steel in huge quantities. The original canverter, shown here, is naw in the possessian of the Bethlehem Steel Campany

Below: There were new inventions for use in both peace and war. When Dr. Gatling invented his machine gun he considered it so deadly that he thought the terror it induced would prevent future wars. It didn't, but it did help the War Department subdue the remaining hostile Indian tribes



Left: And on land, speed came with the flying hooves of the Pany Express as daring riders carried the mail through storms, bands of hostile Indians, and prairie fires. Their brief day ended when the first transcantinental telegraph line was completed, but possengers ond freight were still carried by Wells, Fargo & Company

In presidential elections Franklin Pierce defeated General Winfred Scott in 1852; James Buchanan beat Frémont in 1856; Abraham Lincoln whipped Breckinridge in 1860.

In the four-month interval between Lincoln's election and inauguration, South Carolina, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia seceded. In February, 1861, the states which had seceded formed a Confederacy known as the Confederate States of America. Jefferson Davis was elected President and Montgomery, Alabama, was selected as the temporary capital of the Confederacy. These states were later joined by Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas. On April 12, 1861, guns thundered at Fort Sumter in Charleston, S. C. The long-dreaded war was upon us.

The right-of-secession theory of Calhoun, Haynes, and Davis had run headlong into the perpetual-union theory of Webster and Lincoln. The North, twenty-three states with twenty-two million population and two-thirds of the Nation's wealth, faced the South, eleven states with nine million population (including three and a half million slaves) and one-third of the Nation's wealth.

Every schoolchild knows the stories of Bull Run, Shiloh, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and Vicksburg, and how the tide of battle turned against the Confederacy towards the close of 1864. Yet no adult contemplating the internecine strife, wherein brother was arrayed against brother, can fathom the bitter emotions which exploded into war nor plumb the depths of sorrow which befell the divided nation.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION

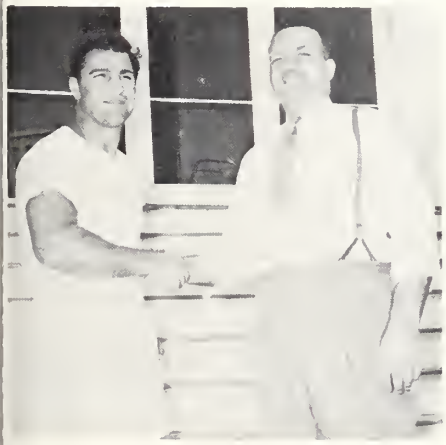
by Bill McGuire

Personality of the Month: Leo Gauthier, who has worked here about six months, is a man with a pleasant disposition and a well-developed sense of humor. Born in Northbridge on August 5, 1915, he attended public schools here. Leo and Mrs. Gauthier, the former Norma Mayhew, were married in 1940 and now have three children: 7-year old Lynn, 4-year old Jerome, and 3-year old Michael.

During World War II, he served with the Army from March, 1942, to April, 1946, seeing action in France, Belgium, and Germany. He received the Purple Heart. When not in service, Leo worked for the Paul Whitin Mfg. Co. during the period 1941–1954.

Leo has had a career as a boxer, for at one time he was Worcester County golden gloves light heavyweight champion. He reached the semi-finals in this class in New England competition. He has met both the "old champ," Jack Sharkey, and the "new champ," Rocky Marciano.

The following men had birthdays in January or February: Armand Beauchemin, Roger Roy, Wasyl Kaschouba, Amede Roy, John Saleski, Henry Plante, Edmund Ratte, and Leo Turcotte. . . . Howard Dunford and Arthur Bachand received their 25-year service pins from Mr. J. Hugh Bolton on January 27. . . . Hector Chevrette has received his 5-year service pin.



Leo Gauthier, Internal Transportation personality of the month, is a former Worcester County golden gloves champion who is acquainted with Rocky Marciano

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Department 408—Donald LaRoche became a father for the first time on January 23rd. . . . John Cunningham paid us a visit to present Bert Kroll with his 20-year pin. Congratulations, Bert! More power to you for 20 more. . . . Newell Wallace observed another one—birthday, that is! . . . We are glad to see Nick DiMarco takes an interest in the Scouts; he is on the committee for the Cub Scouts banquet. . . . Department 408 is expanding—we are getting three new furnaces and things are really humming. Next month I will bring to the rest of the shop, a report on just what we do here.

Edward A. Bates, Jr., son of Ed Bates of Department 439, caught this 3½ foot barracuda off Guantanamo, Cuba. Ed Jr. is a firefighter in a crash unit at the Naval Airport there

Department 409—Everett Bishop, a former employee of this department, received the largest award for a suggestion to ever be given by W.M.W. This event took place on January 30. . . . Apprentice Gerald Bouvier has been selected the outstanding apprentice in the state of Massachusetts. At Amherst on Saturday, February 4, 1956, he attended a dinner and was presented a plaque. . . . Bill Woodcock has returned to work (on a part-time basis) after a long illness. We are glad to see you back, Bill and take it easy!

Joseph Gorceau, son-in-law of John Martel of Department 660, was photographed in Newbury, England, with his wife Pauline and their daughter Ann. They recently returned to the United States, claiming that life abroad makes a person appreciate the advantages of this country

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

by Stanley W. Krula

Department 660 is now to be represented regularly by a column of its own in the SPINDLE. So what say you contact your reporter with any bits of interesting news and information?

John Martel, Group Leader of Main Office Cleaning Crew, and Mrs. Martel of Woonsocket, R. I., recently welcomed home from England their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gareeau and their daughter Ann. . . . Congratulations to John Martel on receiving his 5-year pin. Of course we hope he will be with us for many more years. . . . Welcome to William Cummings who came to us from Department 482. "Bill" lives at the Blue Eagle Inn. . . . Ernest Pottie is home recuperating after a short stay at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. We certainly hope "Pitou" is able to return to work soon—I'm sure the Tool Job misses him.

SPINDLE JOB

by John Visbeck and Jim Robbins

Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wassenar on their 25th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed a dinner at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harringa.

On Monday, January 30, Everett Bishop, 94 Maple Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, received $1974 from the Whitin Machine Works for suggesting a more economical method of manufacturing small Spindles. This is the largest single suggestion award ever made by the Company. The suggestion resulted in a yearly saving of $8000. The award was presented by Works Manager Erik Pierson. Pictured from the left: David Longmuir, Suggestion Committee Chairman; Everett Bishop, now employed in the Woonsocket Police Department; Works Manager Erik Pierson, and Divisional Superintendent Jacob DeJong

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

George McKee, our personality for this month, has worked on the Milling Job since July, 1933. He began as a milling machine operator, but has been a set-up man for the past 16 years. He lives with his wife and their three daughters—17-year old Charlotte, 14-year old Marilyn, and 9-year old Karon—in their brand-new ranch-style house on Cooper Road, Whitinsville. Although George has been too busy of late to enjoy his favorite pastime of bowling, he does boast a very respectable 96 average in the many leagues of which he has been a member.

George Dawe and Peter Nash report that their visits to St. Vincent's Hospital find Raymond Van Dyke recovering nicely from his illness and that he should have returned to his home by the first of March. We all hope he will be well enough to come in and see us very soon. . . . Wilbur Desjardin and Marie Krumbholtz are back after long sick leaves. . . . Eleanor Kurzu, who "spelled" Marie during her absence, has transferred to Department 423.

Your writer enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the banquet given for the reporters of the SPINDLE at the cafeteria on January 24. In addition to the splendid meal, everyone enjoyed the movies and the speakers. The guest speaker, Mr. O. L. (Tubby) FitzRandolph, spoke of the many ways and means of gathering news for shop magazines that should be of great help to those who attended the affair.

Newcomers on the job during the month are Albert Menoche (back with us after a stint with the Air Force), apprentice William Pontes, and Noel Rondeau and Michael Baghdasarian transferred from Department 439. . . . Walter Doble has replaced Keith Wilcox as first-piece inspector of the night shift. Keith has been transferred to Department 438. . . . Service pins were presented to the following employees by Mr. Jacob DeJong and Mr. Arthur Litke on January 24: 15-year pins—Arthur Leclair, Donald Lyford, Arthur Jackman, Kenneth Williams, Calix St. Andre, Mary Whalen, Flora Grenon and Joseph Cadrin; 10-year pins—Maurice Mori and William Hugely; 5-year pin—William Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Norman Boutiette of Elm Place, Whitinsville, brother of Edward Boutiette of Department 416, has been notified that an Amprobe Tester he recently purchased from a concern in New York was the one-millionth tester sold by them and as a result he and his wife will spend one full week at Paris, France, with all expenses paid by the New York Company. They plan to take advantage of their good fortune the first part of April.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

We welcome to our department the newest arrivals with some interesting facts about them. Hector Dubois, night shift, is from Woonsocket, is married and has six children. Romeo Landry, from Bellingham, has a wife and a year-old son. Cecile Berry, from Uxbridge and Department 416, has a daughter, Deborah. Earl Robbins, East Blackstone, is married and has two boys and a girl at home. Vasil Shola, single, is engaged and is from Woonsocket. Aram Blanchard, North Smithfield, is married and has one daughter. Joseph Plante, Woonsocket, is married and has three sons. Normand Lamarre, Woonsocket, has three sons and a daughter. Gerald Ross, Whitinsville, is single.

My apologies to Francis LaFlamme for failing to mention his new daughter, Claudette Simonne, 7 lbs. 13 oz., who was born December 6, 1955. Also Albert (Tony) Bouchard is a grandpa now. His son's wife gave birth to a son on January 27, 1956, at Framingham Hospital.

We have news of Alvin Bosma who worked here in 1949. He would like to have some news of his old friends in the locality. He is a petty officer aboard the *U.S.S. Forrestal*. His mother and father and wife had Christmas dinner with him on board ship at Norfolk, Va. He has been in the service seven years and expects to re-enlist. Fleet P.O. in New York would probably get him. He is now at Norfolk, Va.

Al Brothers met with an unfortunate accident, a broken leg, which he is now convalescing from. We need him and hope to see him soon. . . . Al Chauvin, Stella Damarjian and Joe Turgeon are still missing at this writing. Best wishes for quick recovery. . . . March has more birthdays than any other month: Walter Lucier, Carl Johnson, Gert Ebbeling, Alphonse Turgeon, Ken McCullough, Cornelius Ebbeling and Cecile Berry. Greetings to all of them.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Congratulations to Mush Dion on his 65th birthday, and the receiving of a 20-year pin. Mush is quite a sports enthusiast (a Red Sox fan in particular). He was decorated in World War I. . . . Ed Malhoit, our second hand, is quite a big Mardi gras booster. During the last Woonsocket Mardi gras, Ed was busy attending all affairs connected with the annual event. He was really downhearted to see it come to a close. He is my selection for next year's Mardi gras King. . . . Paul O'Connor, on touching his jacket hanging on the hook, felt something soft in his pocket. Thinking it to be a mouse, he squeezed it and, upon investigation, found he had a pocket full of overripe bananas.

At this writing Johnny Dufries' daughter is at Memorial Hospital for surgical treatment. This department wishes her a speedy recovery. . . . Eddie Farlardeau has left us to return to his former employment at Woonsocket. Our best wishes go with him. . . . New faces this month are those of: Ovila Gagnon, Robert Proulx and Normand Masse. Welcome to our ranks.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Personality of the month: Albert Paul John was born in Upton, on April 24, 1929. He moved to Riverdale while still of preschool age. He attended Northbridge public schools, graduating from Northbridge High School in 1947. During his high school years he worked at Kupfer Bros. Paper Mill after school and Saturdays. After graduation he continued with Kupfer Bros. In December, 1951, Al joined the U. S. Coast Guard, emerging a storekeeper second class in December, 1954. In January, 1955, he returned to Kupfer Bros. and in August of the same year he came to Whitin Machine Works to start his apprenticeship as a wood patternmaker. On May 27, 1950, he married Edna Lange. They now live on Sutton Street in Northbridge where Al pursues his hobbies—hunting, fishing and woodworking.

We wish Earle Newcombe success in his new venture as a salesman. He left us on January 27, after having spent seven years with us. . . . Julian Masson's wife Raymonde graduated as a practical nurse on January 30, and will shortly take her state exams. Congratulations, Mrs. Masson. . . . We regret to report Joseph Chenette's recent visit to Canada was for such an unhappy reason. He attended the funeral of his sister-in-law. . . . Ray Fullerton is sporting a new Dodge—conspicuous in its conservative black. . . . Nelson Bartlett is building a new home in Blackstone. David Richardson has purchased a two-family house on Maple Street, Whitinsville.

Birthdays are celebrated in March by Raymond Stanovich and Herman Buma. . . . The SPINDLE Banquet was a huge success with delicious food served in a tempting manner and with an amusing and informative program. A grateful "thank you" to those responsible.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

We put the welcome mat out this month for Ralph Smith, our new supervisor. Ralph came to us from the Tool Job where he has worked for fifteen years, nine of them on the night shift. After observing him for these few weeks, we're sure that his favorite pastime is eating. Yet he remains as slim as can be. He and Mrs. Smith live in West Upton in their new home which Ralph built. They have two sons, 12-year old David and 6-year old Robert. Among their many hobbies, roller skating and swimming are their favorites. Ralph also raises parakeets as a hobby. He has at least 125 birds of various types, such as albinos, opalines and luntinos. One of these birds has a vocabulary of 75 words. Needless to say, we are fortunate, for Ralph, together with Alex Kieronski, another bird fancier, is able to answer all our questions about birds.

We've decided that our parakeet "Coco" must surely be an Italian bird. The other evening he flew around the kitchen and landed right in a bowl of spaghetti. . . . My apologies to Bob Hopkins, our Acting Foreman. Last month I congratulated him on his appointment as Acting Assistant Foreman. Didn't mean to demote him! . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home. . . . We extend our wishes for a happy birthday to Lucien Blouin and a happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyle.

I want to mention the delicious dinner given to the SPINDLE Reporters recently. We were presented with beautiful corsages and the evening was an entertaining one. Our thanks to W.M.W.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

Bob Cochrane, who is active in cub scout work in Pascoag, R. I., received a personal invitation from Governor Denis Roberts of R. I. to attend a banquet given on February 4 to touch off Boy Scout Week. Bob was also a guest of Mayor Kevin Coleman at a banquet held on February 6 in Woonsocket. . . . We wish good luck to the following people who have been transferred to new jobs: Walter Rej, Roland Roy, Donald Menard, Roger Taschereau, Lewis Buxton, Ray Poyer, Armand Grenier, Joe Paul, Aime Trottier, George Carpentier, Margaret Asadoorian, Al Menard, and Florian Boucher. We hope that they will be back soon. . . . Clem LaFlash and Cliff Lunn received 15-year pins and Charles Kheboian a 10-year pin from Jacob DeJong and Arthur Litke. . . . Ray Blizard, the repair man who worked eight years on the Bolster Job, finally got his opportunity to try for a first class rating. We wish him all the best. . . . A welcome back to Archie Gigarjian and Al Majeau who have returned from recent illnesses. . . . We were glad to hear that Mrs. Richard Baker is feeling much better after an operation at Memorial Hospital. She will be home soon.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

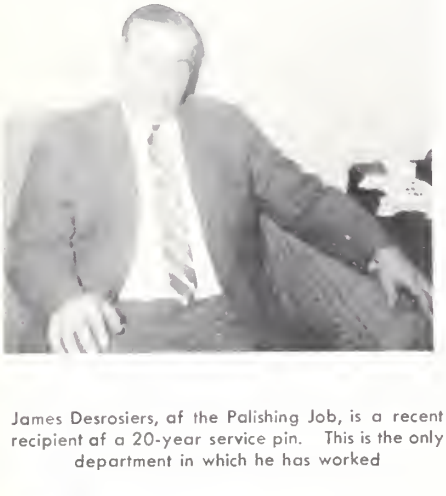
by Marcel Turgeon

Personality of the Month: Mr. Joseph Gregoire was born August 9, 1900, in Whitinsville. He attended primary schools here in town and started to work on the Bolt Job when he was 16 years of age. He worked there for four years, transferred to work on the new addition which was erected in 1921, and in 1929 went to work in the Foundry. There he operated the sanding machine until 1949, at which time he came to the Packing Job. On April 19, 1937, he married Mary Ryan of Milford in St. Mary's Church. "Jos" and his wife reside at 19 Main Street, Whitinsville. If you want to find out anything about the Yankees, you can be sure that you will get an answer from "Jos," who is an ardent follower of that team.

Congratulations to Mr. Evald Johnson who received his 15-year pin and to Mr. Andrew Berube and Stephen Stanick who received their ten-year pins. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. Arthur J. St. Andre, President du Conseil Saint-Jean Baptiste No. 17, in Whitinsville. Mr. St. Andre has received the medal of honor

Other Whitin emplayees wha received large suggestion awards were: John Gjeltema, 830 Hill Street, Whitinsville, wha was presented an additional award of $938 for his suggestion of an improved method of manufacturing Balster Cases. He received an initial award of $139 in March, 1955. His suggestion resulted in a total yearly saving af $4308. Clifford Goyette, Jones Road, South Sutton, received $454 for suggesting a taal equipment change which resulted in a yearly saving of $1816. Pictured from the left: General Superintendent Jahn Cunningham, who made the presentations; Clifford Goyette, John Gjeltema, and Divisional Superintendent William Steele

Arthur Lapierre, Card Erecting Floor, recently received his 20-year service pin. His habby is raising chickens and squabs



James Desrosiers, af the Palishing Job, is a recent recipient af a 20-year service pin. This is the only department in which he has worked

Sidney DeJong, who recently received his 15-year service pin, enjoys gardening, carpentry, and photography

of the order. He was initiated April 15, 1910. He was secretary-treasurer from 1911 to 1918; and president from 1929 to 1955. . . . *New cars in the department:* Arthur Langelier and Raymond Parenteau are sporting new Pontiacs.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White motored to Boston to see Cinerama Holiday. They reported enjoying a wonderful evening. . . . Most of the office took advantage of our first snowstorm and went to Grafton for a sleigh ride. From the reports, all had a good time. . . . New home owners: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sheehan. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Rice were involved in an automobile accident and are hospitalized. We wish them both a speedy recovery. . . . Mr. Joseph W. Bourrassa has left us to do eonstruction work. . . . Mr. Richard A. Dufault has joined the ranks of the night crew. . . . Walter R. Bloniasz has joined our parcel post section. . . . Mr. Louis Laferriere is recuperating at home after being out for several weeks.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Again we have one of those rare occasions where a number of men in these departments received 20 year and 15 year Service Pins in the same month.

Arthur Lapierre, of the Card Erecting floor, received his 20-year pin. Arthur, who owns his home in Plummer Park, Whitinsville, started to work here in 1936. He has quite a background in textile experience, having worked as a loom fixer in various mills in Pawtucket. He completed a 3 year course of blueprint reading in the Rhode Island School of Design (Evening Division) and Worcester Evening Trade School. Besides erecting Cards, he is experienced on setting up Quillers, Combers, Roving and Speeders. At one time his hobby was woodworking but now his hobbies combine to give him added income. He raises chickens and squabs which he sells to Providence hotels.

James Desrosiers, or Jimmy, as we all call him, started on the Polishing Job 20 years ago and without a break in service has spent his time on this one particular job. He is classified as one of the top men in this division. He has 3 daughters: Barbara, age 18, Joan, age 14, and Dianne, age 8. He lives with them and Mrs. Desrosiers on Edgemere Avenue, Whitinsville. He likes gardening and fishing and if you asked him a question on sports I think, he would also have an answer.

Bill Wilson, who was presented his 20 year pin,. was an outstanding player with the old Whitin Machine Works Soccer Team during the years of 1922–1927. Bill has a record also in this Company that no one can question. He first came to work here in 1922, erecting Twisters and Speeders. He left to go to work in the Rockdale Mills and after 13 years Bill came back to Whitin. He started on the Wool and Worsted Erecting floor. He has had experience on Combers, Speeders, and I believe Quillers. During the last war, Bill was supervisor on the Turbine Job under Bob Wilson and turned in a very creditable job. Friendly, always willing to help, he likes sports of all kinds, and lives on Cottage Street, Whitinsville, with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson.

Sidney (Red) DeJong, who received his 15 year Service Pin, started on the Picker Job to learn erecting. When World War II started, Red was transferred to the Turbine Assembly where he operated a radial drill, a job he held until called into the Service. Some of the countries he has visited are Africa, France, Belgium, England, Cuba, Panama, Hawaii, New Zealand, Russia, Australia, Guam, Saipan and Alaska. Red owns his home at 13 Border Street, Whitinsville. He likes gardening, carpentry, and photography. He has some beautiful pictures of his family in color and really enjoys his youngsters, James age 5 and David age 20 months.

Henry Barnett, who was presented his 15 year Service Pin, started in the Whitin Machine Works as a timekeeper on the Milling Job in 1941. Then served on the timeboard on the Comber Job and when World War II started worked on the Torpedo Job, a division set up to take care of one of the numerous defense operations the Whitin Machine Works performed for the government at the time. Called into the Armed Forces, he saw action in the U. S. Army and became a sergeant during his tour of duty which included time in Puerto Rico and Trinidad. He likes sports and at one time was a part owner of a small shoddy mill in Manchaug. Unfortunately, this establishment, which operated on spare time only, was destroyed by fire two years ago. Henry feels that eventually he will be able to reopen for business once more. He lives with Mrs. Barnett and their two children Jane age 6 and James 18 months, on Fletcher Street, Whitinsville.

John Cunningham of Card Erecting recently had as his guest John Jr., home on leave from the United States Army.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington and A. R. Frueh

Birthday greetings to Art Mikulsky, our crib man. . . . We noticed George Cartier wearing one of Art Ashworth's shirts the other day. He had to get one somewhere, for George took quite an oil bath at his machine. . . . Pete Babowitch and Henry Nelson left early one Saturday morning to take in the Sportsman's show in Boston, but they never got there. . . . The Oscar this month goes to Butch Reynolds. . . . We hope the virus bug stays away from Matt Krejewski after what happened that last time he caught it. Matt says he is feeling better now.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Gerald Baker, our personality of the month, was born and attended schools in Whitinsville. He is married to the former Helen Sherman, and they own their own home on Rivulet Street. Jerry and his wife are the proud parents of three boys—Jerry, Jr., John, and Robert. From 1943 to 1945, Jerry served in the Navy as an armed guard gunner on one of the largest tankers in the world—the *S.S. Brandy Station*. He has sailed to practically every port in the world. He came to work for Whitin Machine Works in 1936 on the Roll Job and has also worked on the Gear Job. Since 1939 he has been a member of our department as a turret lathe hand. Jerry's hobby is gardening which keeps him busy just about the whole year. He cultivates seven acres—six of corn and one of strawberries. The entire piece of land is irrigated. Jerry and his family can be seen from early spring to late fall either putting up or taking down this irrigation system. Any night during the summer cars are lined up on Rivulet Street to buy his delicious products. Besides all this work, Jerry still finds time for other activities. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Bellingham Navy Yard, and also the A.F. & A.M.

Paul Hendrickson had a pretty rough time to get his car going one cold morning. He forgot to leave the emergency brake off and the brakes froze on him. . . . The Department 411 bowling team hang their heads in shame. They had boasted that they would be willing to take on any team in the shop for a steak dinner. We understand that they didn't do very well and had to buy the steaks for the Ring Job Team. They all had an enjoyable dinner at Aunt Mary's. On the winning team high scorer was Sid Frieswyk with 302 for a score. Carl Johnson was low scorer with a score of 248. On the losing team Walter Abramek was the high scorer with a score of 277. "Peanuts" Johnson was low scorer with a score of 255. Any girls interested in taking this losing team on for stickers—please get in touch with "Peanuts" Johnson. Here's your chance, girls, to get a free dinner. . . . Congratulations to Edward Kozlowski on receiving his five-year pin. . . . Best wishes to Walter Dumas and Kirby Hall on their new jobs. Walter is now working in Connecticut and Kirby is working in Department 423. . . . We're happy to see Roger Boudreau back with us again after recuperating from an operation. . . . The following people are now working on our department: Elsie Magowan, Merle Molasky, Richard Robinson, Walter Szocik, Thomas Schotanus, William McGuire and George Carpentier. Nice to have you with us, folks!

A couple of fellows from our department recently spent an enjoyable week end in New York City. The lucky fellows are Jerry Biron and Bob Carolo. Jerry had to go to New York on a business trip and, since he knows the big city so well he invited Bob and another friend to go with him. Bob had never been to the metropolis before. They managed to see quite a bit while there: the Empire State Building, the United Nations Building, Jack Dempsey's, the Latin Quarter, the French Quarter, and the Metropole Cafe (where it is not uncommon for five bands to play in one day). Before returning home they managed to see the aircraft carrier *Valley Forge* which was docked in New York.

Congratulations to Joseph Levesque and his wife who are celebrating an anniversary this month. . . . There are quite a number of people celebrating birthdays this month. Best wishes to Mary Asadoorian, Aime Dion, Alfred Desautels, William Maher, Atwood Bailey, Clarence Prince, Charles Randall, Felix Gauthier, Alphonse Sunn, Edward Kozlowski, Peter Shamshoian, Robert Carolo, James Colton, Eva Guertin, Nicholas Hooyenga, and Leo Ladouceur.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is William Hamilton, retired. On the right, is a local youth

CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Benjamin Brouwer

Eddy Skowronski's father and mother observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 19, 1956. Their children gave a party in their honor at the Hotel Coronado on February 11. About 200 attended, including guests from Florida,

Arthur King of the Spindle Job received $240 for his suggestion concerning drill holders for Department 439. From the left: John H. Cunninghom, George Fournier, and Arthur King

On a recent trip to New York, Gerry Biron, Bob Corolo, and Bruno Bozzi met Jack Dempsey. That's Corolo and Bozzi in the foreground and Dempsey and Biron in the background

Boston, Framingham, Gardner and Worcester. Dinner was served at 7:30 P.M. Dancing followed. Mr. and Mrs. Skowronski were married February 19, 1906, in St. Joseph's Church, Woonsocket, R. I. They now have three sons, two daughters, and eleven grandchildren. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Skowronski, on their anniversary and wish them many more.

Woodie Allega is convalescing at home from injuries received in a bad fall on the ice last month. We wish him a speedy recovery, and back to work soon.

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

We overheard Dave Desjardin tell George Leland that he'd been driving a car for fifteen years and never had a wreck. George, with the smile he is famous for, replied that he had been driving a wreck for five years and never had a car . . . The "wreck" died last month. . . . Farewell to Charlotte McKee who has returned to her former position in Department 419 after a short but pleasant stay with us. As her replacement we welcome Doris J. Shaw, a young lady with a pleasant and ready smile and "hello." Doris was formerly with Foundry Production Control. . . . Leo Gadbout has been transferred to the night crew of Department 421, where he will operate the gang miller. . . . John Pate, who is in the scrap business during his leisure hours, will buy any wreck or junk you may wish to dispose of. . . . When Donald Dion found that he was scheduled to work until 9 p.m. one evening, he went home at noon to make a few sandwiches. He made the sandwiches and then left them in the pantry. . . . Harold Swart, formerly of Department 439, is the new man on the 421 night crew.

We have two jurors: John Connors of Department 446 and Grace Griffin, capable inspector in Department 421. Grace will be the first Northbridge woman to serve as a juror in Worcester. . . . After the recent snow and ice storms, Hector Sauve owns three sets of car chains. . . . Pete Forget received his 15-year pin from Robert Wilson. . . . Keith Kilbreath, another skin diver enthusiast, is back at his old job in Department 443. . . . Apologies for omitting last month mention of Jim Davis who by now is a familiar face around 421. . . . Fortunately Vas Baker was unhurt when his car slid into a ditch because of icy roads. . . . The gang in 446 are glad to see Tom Morvan back. Tom has been out because of illness since November. . . . Joseph Audet of Rockdale, who recently joined 421, was formerly a weaver.

Henry Pontbriant received his 30-year pin from Mr. J. Hugh Bolton on January 27. . . . Waldo Forsythe received his 5-year pin from William Hartley on February 10. . . . Walter Benoit has left to accept another position. . . . Ardent fisherman Frank Adams is practicing some new knots. . . . Joe Stevens, recently discharged from the Navy, has replaced Sonny Sisoian as our timekeeper. . . . Sonny has been transferred to the Research Division.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

We welcome to our department Ray Gagne, from Blackstone, who has taken over our crib job. . . . Also a belated welcome to Hector Roy who is working on our night shift.

Bill Perry, former Crib man, has transferred to the Tool Job night shift. He is working on the grinders. . . . This past month we had a chance to use our Benefit Club, as Vie Mathurin spent two weeks in the hospital and Bernard DeVries was also out. . . . There is a story floating around this department that Joe Prior, an avid Yankee fan, not only attended the Sportsmen's show in Boston but also shook Ted Williams' hand.

Because of illness quite a few of the boys have been out of work, including Harry Daubney, Harry Alger and Dick Zibill. . . . Town politics have been frequently discussed on the job of late, with Andy Frieswick leading the discussions.

LINWOOD MILL

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

A group of men from town, including our reporter Wilbur Baird, was taken by surprise a couple of Sundays ago when, after attending a church meeting at the First Baptist Church in Worcester, they came out to find that every one of them had a ticket for not putting nickels in the parking meters. There must have been a lot of red faces! . . . We were happy to welcome Katherine Hughes back after being out on sick leave. . . . Congratulations to Florence Gamelin who was presented her twenty-year pin by Donald Sangster and Mr. Cunningham. . . . A birthday candle was lit this month for Aldea Peterson.

At this time both the Linwood reporters thank the people who gave us such a wonderful banquet. . . . New additions to the Linwood inspection force are Gerald Peloquin and Leon Robidoux. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Campo on their 5th wedding anniversary on February 3. . . . We wish Walter Parker good luck on his transfer to the main shop. . . . Birthday greetings for this month go to Ernest Riedle, whose birthday was on St. Valentine's day, and to Ed Jones and Al Cupka. . . . We hope by the time this is printed that Mrs. Atteridge has fully recovered from the effects of a bad fall on the ice near her home.

The new car bug has bitten again. Harry Malkasian is now supporting a new "Olds" 98. Happy motoring, Harry, and pleasant due dates. . . . We wish David Poole and Dick Kelliher good luck on their transfer to Department 418. . . . Thomas Schotanus has left us to enter Department 411. Good luck on his new job.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

The Core Room personality of the montl is Joseph A. Baillargeon who was borr February 7, 1878, in Buckland, P.Q. Canada. His parents owned a farm ther and when Joe was only 10 years old, hi father died so he had to go to work on th farm. His mother taught him some Frencl at home. Joe finally left the farm and cam to Berlin, N. H., for awhile. In 1901 h came to North Uxbridge. In 1904 h married Delia Gilbeault, and came to wor in the Whitin Machine Works the same yea He has worked in the Foundry 39 years an came to the Core Room 13 years ago. H has 6 children, 4 girls and 2 boys, a married, and he now has 11 grandchildre 6 girls and 5 boys. His hobbies are garder ing, chopping wood and fishing. He es pecially likes deep sea fishing. He sti lives in North Uxbridge, in a home h purchased 40 years ago. He often goes ou now, at 78 years of age, and chops and se up a cord of wood on a Saturday.

Congratulations to Omer Parent wh received his 20-year pin, presented b John H. Cunningham and to Joseph Luci who was presented a 15-year pin by Raymc F. Meader. . . . The "Welcome Mat" out this month for Roger H. Lauzier Alvin J. Millette and Arthur G. Normandi

Foundry Production Control—Rom Tellier, Foundry Timekeeping, joined th merry throngs of the Mardi gras Parade Woonsocket, by playing his famous trump with the Woonsocket Amvet's Band. Als he and Shirley attended the Mardi gr Ball dressed as two cats. . . . Congratul

tions and the best of luck and prosperity to Tony Mancini and Peter Bibbo, both formerly of this office, on opening the "Rainbow Launderette" in Uxbridge. . . . Sorry to hear of the recent illnesses of Mrs. Arthur Broadhurst and after her numerous hospital visits we wish her the best of health. By the way, our congratulations go to Broady on being elected (unopposed) as a "Trustee of the Soldier's Memorial." . . . Probably it's because of his size, but it seems Walter Anderberg, Jr., just slipped into this office without being officially welcomed several months ago. Our heartfelt apologies and a belated "Welcome."

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

We congratulate Beany Oles and Ralph Nolet upon their receiving fifteen-year service pins from Mr. Robert Stewart on January 23. . . . We hope Paul Roy will soon be back in the best of health after his long absence. . . . Many of our men have left: Joe Lacroix, Joe Cutler, Ernest Thivierge, and Ken Campo for other work; Bob Esty to return to school; and Paul Sweck and Normand Ethier have been transferred to other departments. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Birthday greetings for March go to Al Kapolka.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

It seems very appropriate around this time of year that our personality of the month should be a son of Erin, so we have Neil Horan who was born in County Kerry, Ireland. He worked many years on a dairy farm in the land of Shamrocks before entering the United States in June, 1949. Neil worked as janitor for St. Patrick's Church for two years before starting to work in the Sheet Metal Department. Neil, who became an American citizen last year, resides on Brook Street. His favorite pastime is watching football games on television.

The Department 413 bowling league has the Tigers and Yankees deadlocked for the second-half lead at this time. The final results and averages will be published in the next issue.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Stanley Ziemba, 413 planner, who is confined to the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . John Kortecamp, Jr., is the new apprentice at 413. . . . Kourken Shrikian from Worcester and Robert Jolicoeur of Woonsocket are the new men on the Paint Job. . . . The boys on the Creel Job are wondering how come Herve Ayotte took his dog to a party one night and had to return the next evening to retrieve the canine. . . . John Straube is back with us after a trip to California. . . . John Morrison from Douglas is 413's new trucker.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

Personality of the Month: This month we have as our personality of the month Baghdasar Barsamian. Mr. Barsamian was born in Harpoot, Turkey, in 1882 and came to the United States on January 1, 1902. He came to work at Whitin Machine Works in 1912. His job is grinding small parts. Mr. Barsamian and his wife, Thakouiy, have four children. One daughter, Cora, lives in Whitinsville and his other daughter, Varvar, lives in Salem, Mass. He has two sons, Krikor and Antranig, who live in Whitinsville. When his day's work is done he enjoys watching television.

Congratulations to George Beaudoin and Joseph A. Roy on receiving their 20-year pins. . . . Birthday greetings go to Bernard Shaw who celebrated his birthday on January 17. . . . Edward Jacques had a birthday party for his granddaughters, Kathleen and Catherine Hashey. The little girls are twins and were three years old. Mr. Jacques had an unpleasant surprise the other noon when he went out to his car and found one tire flat. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Charles Giordano who is in the Woonsocket Hospital. Also out sick for the past five weeks was Sidney Zuidema.

New men this month are: day shift—Henry J. Masse, Norman A. Davian, and Marcel Ouellette; night shift—Julien G. Dubois and Leon E. Roy. . . . Alvin Millette was transferred to the Core Room. T. Hill and G. Barr were also transferred to another department.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Personality of the Month: Cornelius VanBrug, supervisor of Automatics making whorls for spindles, was born in Holland in 1896. He ran a bicycle sales and service shop before coming to the U. S. in 1923. He settled in Whitinsville and started work in W.M.W. the same year, running automatics making whorls. "Conn," as we call him, resides at 33 Church Street. He has four children—a son and three daughters—and thirteen grandchildren. His son, Harry, works on the same job under his father. "Conn's" hobbies are baseball (a great Red Sox fan) and reading. He also has kept his hand in the bicycle repair business as a hobby. Since beginning work at the W.M.W., he has worked under six different foremen: Bert Sweet, Dick Ferguson, Harry Dalton, George Fournier, Sies Schat, and at present Leon Barnes.

Welcome to the following men: Leonard Walczak, Harry VanBrug, Charles Mikulis, Sr., James Higham, Osear Mooradian, Walter Rej, Leo Lubas, and Raymond Giguere. . . . It looks like Farley and Gardner are getting a few pointers on how to play pitch from a couple of amateurs. . . . You should see Whitey's mode of transportation, fellows! No gas or oil, but four-legged and sway-backed. As Whitey said, "I get there, and haven't had to get a push to start. . . . I took my wife to see Fran Snay's house last Saturday and what a mistake that was! It seems that we should build, too. (With what I don't know.)"

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

A twenty-year service pin recently was presented to Emile Aussant of Department 410 by John Wasiuk and Foreman S. H. Bosma. Also, a five-year pin was presented by Acting Foreman Pat DeBellis to Arthur J. Mercier of Department 432. Congratulations! . . . Recent visitors to 432, all former co-workers, were Leonard J. Walenty and Roland "Tiger" Levesque, both Inspectors, and apprentice Bob Nydam. . . . Birthday greetings to Hap Woeller; Arthur J. Mercier and Augustin Vanhouwe, who recently became a daddy—(see inside back cover for details). . . . Ann Benson of 410 is driving a 1956 Ford and Wilfred Miclette, of 410 is driving a 1956 DeSoto. . . . We welcome Francis Poitras, and Stanley E. Lanagan to Department 432 and Raymond Duffy to Stockroom number twenty-six. . . . Sorry to hear about Henry Charron's accident, and of his prolonged stay at the Lowell Hospital.

Personality of the Month: Meet Gaston "Gus" Menard of 432, who was born on January 29, 1925, in St. Marcel, P.Q., the son of the late Arthur and Laura Guerton Menard. Gus attended grammar school in the town of his birth and finished his education at Granby's College. After leaving school, he started to work in St. Aime, P.Q., as a wrought iron apprentice and then went to work for H.L. Iron Craft of St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. as welder and

A/2c William E. Eustace, son of John Eustace of Department 439, is a jet mechanic stationed at Bentwater, England. He will be there for three years

"I ignored the Safety rules. What's *your* story?"

wrought iron worker. While working for this firm, Gus was assigned to do most of the wrought iron work at the famous St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He moved to Woonsocket, R. I. in 1952 with a very limited English vocabulary—but proved victorious in conquering our language. He started at W.M.W. in 1952 on Department 432 as a welder. On August 30, 1927, Lucille St. Martin became Mrs. Menard at the St. Marcel's Church. They now reside at 333 Robinson Street, Woonsocket. Gus drives a Buick and lists fishing as his hobby.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

We welcome these new men on the night shift: Ralph White, Donald Bernard, Edward Linton, Lionel Fournier and Walter Hoyle. We hope they will have a long and happy stay. There are also a few new faces on the day shift: Peter Sweck, who comes to us from the night shift, Gordon Anderson, our new planner, and Leo Rice who works for Fred Vallee. Welcome, boys.

Birthday Greetings are extended to Henry Nejadlik, night group leader, on February 17, Paul Neslusan on February 27, Archie Jacobs and Walter Sokolowski on February 21, Jack Kelliher on February 20, Ralph True on March 4, and Armand Bonin on March 31. Happy birthdays, and may they have many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Tracy will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations to both of them and may they have many more together.

YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Joe Pendergast, foreman of the Garage, is back after a three weeks' vacation at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He took some excellent pictures of the family and places of interest. . . . The big four hunters—Pete Prymak, Ken Stairs, Ken Stanley, and Mel Young—took Red O'Brien on their hunting trip to New Hampshire. They came home with two deer. They donated the deer to the Klondyke, where a deer pie supper was held. More than fifty guests were present. Some interesting tales of hunting were told by various individuals. The supper was a great success. . . . Erle Simmons has been going to the hospital for treatments to his hands. He has been suffering from a skin disorder. . . . George Williamson awoke one morning at his cabin in the woods to find deer tracks. George says there are many signs of wild life around his abode. . . . Albert Ducharme and Baldy White enjoyed themselves at the Mardi gras in Woonsocket. Baldy said it is all they say it is and more. Some of the floats were exceptionally well done.

CARDS, SMALL PARTS, AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

I wish to express my thanks for the supper that was given to the reporters by the Whitin Machine Works. Each woman reporter was presented with a corsage, and the men were presented with a carnation. After the supper, a speech was given by Mr. FitzRandolph, who spoke very well. Then we were entertained by movies.

If you should hear a squeal at your door, don't be frightened. It may only be Russell Moore's pig which ran away. P.S. Would you like to buy some rabbits? He has them also. There is never a dull moment on the farm!

Birthday greetings to Eugene Forand, Russell Remillard, Edward Laquerre, Victor Girard and Arthur Cournoyer. . . . We welcome Richard Jette, an apprentice. . . . Roland Pleau has left us to work in Connecticut. We all wish him the best of luck in his new job. . . . Joseph Tero and Edward Laquerre were presented with their 5-year pins in January.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Walter Richardson recently came to work in his propane gas truck. A combination of a flat tire, no spare, and a snowstorm caused the people of Pascoag to go without gas for two days. . . . Mooshac Ovian left the engine of his car idling while he worked his shift. . . . Our new apprentice, Francis Bellerose, was a three-letter man at Uxbridge High. Francis completed a hitch in the Navy, is married, and he and Mrs. Bellerose are the parents of a seventeen-month old son. . . . Congratulations on receiving service pins to Harry Colton for his 25-year pin, to Russell Bailey for his 20-year pin, and to Joe Hoogendyke for his 15-year pin. . . . The guards, looking for a machine left running during the noon hour, found that it was Louis Laflamme using an electric razor in the office. . . . Jigmaker Fred Kollet's chest swelled with pride when his daughter-in-law gave birth to twins. . . . Repairman Paul Valentine has received a cash award for a suggestion. Congratulations. . . . On his return from the Monroe-Butler boxing match in Providence, repairman Kenneth Guertin, a kind-hearted man, was kept from sleep by the voice of a lost cat. Lon and diligent search caused him the loss o much sleep but disclosed that a cat ha entered the house by way of the chimne and was sitting on the closed damper of th fireplace. . . . The January snowstorn solved birthday gift problems for bot Francis Lockwood and Domenic Bombred They gave their wives sparkling new sno shovels.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

Our personality this month is William I Walsh. If anyone around the plant wa asked who William F. Walsh is, I questio that many people would know him. Hov ever, just say Bill Walsh (or maybe Skinny and almost everyone would know hin Bill was born in Whitinsville, educated i the public schools, and graduated fro Northbridge High School in 1926. H started working in the plant after gradu tion, but decided that he wanted mo schooling, so he enrolled at Becker Busine College and majored in business admini tration, graduating in 1930. Many of recall that 1930 was not the best time to l looking for a job, but Bill tried many jol including selling brushes. In 1933, returned to Whitin as a time clerk Department 416. Since that time, B has worked as an expediter, a material-i process supervisor, and is now Chief Centr Planner for the plant. Bill is married the former Ellen Tebo, and they have 6-year old daughter, Joan Marie. E has many interests and perhaps one of l favorite hobbies is dancing. He and Ell are both excellent dancers and at any pa they can be seen fully enjoying their mut love for dancing. He also follows the st market and studies investments qu extensively. About this time of year, is very busy filing income tax reports his many clients—he must do a fine because every year he has more and m of this work to do. Bill is probably of the most cooperative persons you w meet, always willing to help out and, a member of a committee, works as hard anyone to make an affair successful.

Many service pins have been awar since the last issue of the SPINDLE. Fi our sincere congratulations to Walter Gilchrist upon receiving his 25-year on January 27 from Mr. J. Hugh Bolt On February 6, 5-year pins were awar to Julie McMullin, Roy Swanson, Tero, Mel Henry and George Bond. February 10, Leo Beauregard, Ray Kuc ski and Frank Hogan received their 15-y pins from Mr. Rizer. Congratulations each of you.

George and Nancy (Fisher) Dana honeymooned in Florida during the three weeks of January, usually the lan sunshine and warmth, was so cold that Danaheys never ventured near the be during their stay. Remember the Flo cold spell, yes, they were there during

time. Nancy's wardrobe of pretty summer cottons could have been traded for a fur coat. Ironically enough, the night the Danaheys returned home, Nancy and George turned on their TV set only to see a show from Florida—people swimming and a lovely water show. The weather had changed, but too late for Nancy and George. Incidentally, Nancy was guest of honor at a party at the Colonial Club in Webster on February 7.

Welcome to Pauline Demaris who is working in the Master Route Section and hearty welcome to Barbara Spratt who has returned to work after being side-lined by polio. I am sure that "Barb's" many friends are most happy to know that she is well on the road to recovery. . . . Doris Pouliot, former secretary for Harry Segal, has left the office for employment elsewhere. Her former duties are being taken care of by Yvette LaPointe at the moment. . . . After having been accused of putting the "hex" on our bowling team, I am happy to report that our "Keglers" are enjoying a real hot streak and are giving all teams a rough time. If time does not run out on them, they may get a trophy yet. . . . We welcome Clayton Gould of Northbridge who has replaced Walter Perda, formerly of Production and now of the Drafting Room.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We extend a warm welcome to Armand Plouffe who has returned to work following a long illness. . . . We would like to wish best of luck to Norman Deragon who has left the fold to join the Whitin Business Equipment Division of W.M.W. . . . Congratulations to Howard Anderson our new selectman for the Town of Northbridge. . . . We recently found out why Bea Gauthier's husband, Leon, has such a strong interest in hunting. During his recent sickness Bea gave him some pills that turned out to be the ones left by the veterinarian for the dog. Leon reports no ill effects. . . . While attending the annual Roger Williams Hospital Ball at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Shirley McNamara and husband Tim had the pleasure of a personal interview with Carmel Quinn, radio and television singing star. They found her to be just as gracious and charming in person as she is on TV. . . . Congratulations to Ray Colby upon receiving his twenty year service pin and to Lillian Follett, Larry Sarafian and Roland Farrar upon completing five years service with the Company. . . . Our talented musician, pianist and comedian Larry Sarafian who is with the Vince Caplette Group did his part in making Woonsoeket's "Mardi gras" the huge success that it was. They had the important task of serenading the different floats as they passed in review. They also entertained the people in a gala square dance held in the street.

Birthdays: Helen Cotter, Barbara Greeno, Florence Perry, Oscar Erickson, Philip Johnson, Roland Farrar.

Florence Perry, Cost Department personality, on her purebred Morgan Wrex

Personality of the Month: Florence Perry, efficient and capable secretary to Carl Dupree, was born in East Douglas. She received her education in East Douglas Schools and Becker Business College. Florence was married to Morrice S. Perry in Whitinsville in 1944, and she resides in Sutton with her husband and six-year old son, Jeffery. Previous to her twelve years with Whitin Machine Works, Florence was employed by the West End Thread Mill in Millbury. She is a past Matron of O. E. S. and is active in P.T.A. activities. Although much of her time is filled with her job and her household duties, Florence finds time to help her husband keep the Sutton Town Treasurer's books. Her chief hobby is riding her purebred Morgan gelding "Wrex." Her love for horses is evident from her attendance at all the horse shows in the area. Florence also finds time to raise African Violets of which she has many beautiful varieties, and is always on the watch for new species at the annual flower shows. Florence also likes to travel and in the past while crossing the country found Oregon and California to be of particular interest to her.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Personality for the Month: Irene Marteka of Machine Accounting is a senior tabulating operator and has been with Whitin four years. She is an attractive blonde who greets everyone with a smile, her trademark to friendliness. Irene worked two years in the Cost Department before transferring to her present job. Her duties consist of getting out the weekly payroll envelopes; keeping accurate records of tax deductions and social security for all shop employees; and several miscellaneous assignments. She is a graduate of Northbridge High School, and attended the Worcester School of Comptometry. She makes her home at 15 North Main Street, Whitinsville, with her widowed mother. Irene has two sisters—Pauline, a student nurse at Beverly Hospital, and Pat, a student at Northbridge High—and two brothers—Tony, who is attending St. John's Seminary in Brighton, and Ed, of the Production Department, W.M.W. Irene is domestically inclined and enjoys sewing, the reason for her being so smartly dressed. On February 14, Irene received a valentine, see "Engagements" for details.

We welcome the following to Timekeeping: Charles Lesier of Woonsocket to Department 425 (2nd shift); Carol Messier of Oakland, R. I. to Department 444; Joe Stevens of Woonsocket, recently discharged from Service, to Departments 421–143; Normand Renaud of Woonsocket to Department 436 (2nd shift), and Henry Patrick of Bellingham to Department 425. Blanche Heroux, formerly of Department 444, has left for England to join her husband. Aram Sisoian, formerly of Department 421, has transferred to Research. Mike Kloezkowski, formerly of Department 436 (2nd shift), is attending school in Montreal.

Birthday greetings for February to: Bertha Bernier, F. Merwin Brown, Cathy Reeves, Nancy Porter, George Woodward, Pat Gaddas, and Betty Ann Gaskell. . . . We welcome Cecile Dionne of North Uxbridge to Machine Accounting, where she will become a key-punch operator. . . . Dot Hamblin of Mendon has also returned She operates the tabulator and sorting machines, in addition to key-punching. . . . The Whitin Male Glee Club will sing in Providence, March 11; and in town, for the Northbridge Parent-Teachers Association, on April 9. Messrs. J. Hugh Bolton and Erik O. Pierson presented a 25-year service pin to uno-who on January 27.

MAIN OFFICE

by Marlene Willard and Gloria Frabotta

First of all, we would like to thank the SPINDLE Staff and all others who were responsible for honoring all news reporters at a very lovely banquet in January.

Those in the office who were bitten by the ski bug lately were Eleanor Baker and Nancy Thayer who spent a day exercising their limbs at Hogback Mt., Brattleboro, Vt., and Bob Maynard, who with his family enjoyed a few days at Stowe, Vt. Meanwhile Mr. J. J. Foley and his family vacationed at Daytona Beach, Florida for about two weeks during February. . . . Best wishes for good luck and happiness to Nancy Thayer who recently became engaged to "Beck" Laffoon, stationed with the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Virginia.

We are happy to report that George Guertin, son of Mrs. Margaret Guertin and brother of Frances, has returned to civilian life after three years' service, two of which were spent with NATO in Fon-

tainebleau, France. . . Once again we regret to report Esther Anderson's illness. Esther is really having a discouraging time this year, and we sincerely hope when she returns, her ailment will be completely cured. . . . We extend a friendly hello to Catherine Plante who is lending a helping hand to Eleanor Baker, and at the same time, we bid a cordial farewell to Julie McDonough who has left to resume household duties. Muriel Boyko has replaced Julie and we wish her luck on her new job. . . . Minnie O'Dell is another employee who has left us to take up residence elsewhere, and we roll a welcome mat out to Helen Magowan who has replaced Minnie. Last but not least, we say good bye to "Lennie" Baldwin of Payroll. Lots of luck on your new job in Worcester, Lennie. . . . Congratulations to Frank Polucha upon receiving his 15 year service pin.

Happy birthdays for this month go out to George Kellstrand, Gene Kennedy, Sally Mantashigian, Leonard Baldwin, Helen Magowan, Edna Bergquist, Jim Robertson, Jim Colthart, Dick Conlee, and anniversary wishes to Gene Kennedy and Florence Tupper.

As your news goes to press, these are the bowling league standings:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings

	Won	*Lost*
Team 4 (Chris Bosma).....	16	4
Team 2 (Fran Guertin).....	11	9
Team 1 (Helen Gilroy).....	7	13
Team 3 (Ann McDonald)...	6	14

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Personality of the month: Llewellyn Alger Chapman, who really is a second cousin of the noted Horatio Alger, has had a colorful and interesting career. Born in Wayland, Mass., and a graduate of Holliston High School, during World War I he left medical school to enlist in the Army. An engineer attached to the First Division, Lou had an outstanding war record. Clemenceau himself, then known as the "Father of France," awarded Lou the Croix de Guerre for his heroic feat of carrying a wounded French soldier from shell-torn "No Man's Land." This deed was more outstanding in that at the time Lou was gassed and had three machine gun bullets in his own right leg.

After the war, Lou was for eighteen years a chauffeur. While with his employer, he traveled in Europe and Asia, hunted big game in Africa, and drove the first car ever seen in southern Spain. (They received gasoline by freight train.) Lou has watched the guard change at Buckingham Palace and has slept in Gibralter Fortress. Among the many house guests of his employer that Lou drove were the Prince of Wales, Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr., Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and Henry Ford.

Lou came to Whitin about ten years ago. He worked for Mr. Ramsey and Dean Perkins, then about five years ago began work in the Methods Department under George Hartley. He lives in Milford with his only daughter, Mrs. Elinor Kaiser. He has three grandchildren. He sends his thanks to all those who made his recent stay in the hospital more pleasant.

Congratulations to those who recently received pins. George Hartley, formerly foreman of the Magneto Job, and Edward "Joe" Bouley, who received his pin on his birthday, received their 30-year pins from Mr. J. Hugh Bolton. David Gray, methods man in Department 411, received his 25-year pin. . . . On a recent evening during a bad snowstorm, the car of Frank Budnick had a flat tire—and Frank was without either snow shovel or tools. . . . Happy birthdays to Albert Charbonneau, Walter Frieswick, Abram Leiber, Archie Misakian, Rene Morel, Everett Swenson, Larry Haymen, Hope Brown, and Shirley Labrecque.

This is Llewellyn Alger Chapman, Methods personality of the month, shown as he looked when he won the Croix de Guerre during World War I

ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST

by Philip J. O'Grady, Jr.

Congratulations go this month to Henry Rivet on receiving his fifteen-year pin and James Davidson on completing 30 years' service. . . . A stag party was tended Charles Drummond at "Ye Olde Oyster Cabin" in Uxbridge. Charley, who is leaving for New Mexico, will join another of our former draftsmen, Mike Sollecito. Charley and Mike will both be employed at the Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque. . . . Dick Ramsbotham, Janet and Bob Crossland and Bob Courtemanche are all busily engaged in building new homes. I'm sure anyone who wants "on-the-job training" would be welcome at any of these projects. . . . Birthday congratulations this month go to John Greenlund, Ted Tudor and Phil O'Grady of the Engineering Department and to R. K. Brown, Jim Ferry, Louis Lucier and Angela Zanchetti of the Master List Department. . . The Mill Plans Section, better known as "little City Hall," now boasts another politician. Congratulations go to Jack Ratcliffe on his election to Park and Playground Commission.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

So the winter is almost over and soon we shall see the new foliage appearing. Since we have not had much sun this season, it might be wise to wear sunglasses for the first few days to get used to the sudden change. . . . Happy birthday in this month of the lion and the lamb to Jack Hapworth, Myron Chace, Virginia Burke and Chris Walsh. Chris is in Europe right now, so our extra best wishes to him. . . . March anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Gigarjian. George, or "Coke" as he is known to us all, is our electrician at Research. . . . Warren "Soup" Campbell has been transferred to the Repair Department. We certainly do miss him and wish him our best. Aram Sisoian, formerly of Department 421 is taking Warren's place.

Wally Caron has recently returned from a convention of the A.S.Q.C. (American Society of Quality Control) at Charlottesville, Va. He states that the meetings were most instructive and interesting. . . Welcome to Herbert Bliss who is now a regular member of Research. Herb was formerly an erector for our Company. . . Another newcomer to Research Division is Robert Currie of Glendale, R. I. Hope you like it here, Bob. . . . Congratulations to Alphonse Gosselin and John Hapworth who were recently presented with 15-year pins by Mr. E. K. Swift, Jr. Both Al and Hap work on the first floor on Pickers.

And last by no means least, a "thank you very much" from this reporter to the SPINDLE Staff for a most enjoyable evening on January 24. The dinner was excellent and the speech by Mr. FitzRandolph was both interesting and informative. It was also most pleasant to meet with all the other reporters and the lovely corsages presented to the ladies really made the evening complete.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Don Amiro

Harold Thayer recently received his 1[illegible] year pin. . . . Soloman Shuman, Elizabeth Brown and Marilyn Blair each have changed cars. Sol now has a '52 Stude[illegible] Elizabeth has a '51 Chevie and, during the shift, Marilyn bought the Chevie that Elizabeth turned in. Yvonne Gainer has purchased a '56 Ford. . . . Wage Standards wishes a speedy recovery to Walter Lanagan's son-in-law, who was the innocent victim of an accident caused by an out-

control truck. . . . Wage Standards hopes to see Joseph Sampson about after his hospitalization. . . . James F. Landry, husband of Joan Landry, is home after having completed a tour of duty with the U. S. Navy. . . . Marilyn Blair has become an aunt for the 21st time with the birth of a niece.

WHITIN BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of February 15

TEAM STANDING

	Won	Lost
1. Planer Job	80	18
2. Freight Office	59	29
3. Repair Office	56	32
4. Production	48	40
5. Electrieians	47	41
6. Office	40	48
7. Spinning	38	50
8. Roll Job	33	55
9. Apprentices	30	58
10. Master List	19	69

HIGH TEAM TOTAL (5 MEN)

. Freight Office	1619
. Planer Job	1606
. Electrieians	1574

HIGH TEAM SINGLE (5 MEN)

. Freight Office	581
. Planer Job	567
. Eleetrieians	542

HIGH INDIVIDUAL TRIPLE

. A. Gagnon	387
. V. Gervais	359
. Z. Dagirmanjian	353

HIGH INDIVIDUAL AVERAGE

. P. Rae	103.3
. A. Gagnon	102.9
. A. Davidson	101.6

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SINGLE

. A. Gagnon	158
. C. Bisson	150
. Z. Dagirmanjian	148

To Harry VanBrug, Chuck Job, and Mrs. anBrug, a son, their fourth child, at hitinsville Hospital on February 6.

To Paul Cagnon, Spindle Job, and Mrs. agnon, a son, Paul Jr., at Mercy Hospital, oonsoeket, on February 8.

To Donald LaRoche and Mrs. LaRoche, daughter, weight 8 lbs. 6 ozs., at Woonocket Hospital on January 23.

To Ralph and Jennie Levesque, a daughter, Kathy Ann, born January 29, at Woonsocket Hospital. Ralph is Chief Foundry Timekeeper.

To Richard Benoit, Researeh, and Mrs. Benoit, a son, Barry Mark.

To Thomas Cody, Jr., Research, and Mrs. Cody, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth.

To Augustin Vanhouwe, Department 432, and Mrs. Vanhouwe, a daughter, Deborah Marie, at Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, on February 4.

To Armand Horent, Traffie Department, and Mrs. Horent, a daughter, Celeste, at Woonsocket Hospital on January 21.

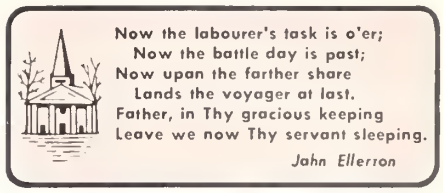
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vayo were married December 17 in the Church of the Gaad Shepherd, Linwood

Carol Davidson of the Repair Department was married to Donald Corron of Research Division at the United Presbyterian Chureh on February 25. Reeeption followed at the Uxbridge Inn.

The engagement of Irene Marteka, Machine Accounting (Department 462) to Eugene DeJordy of East Douglas, has been announced. A summer wedding is planned.

The engagement of Naney Thayer, Main Office, to "Beck" Laffoon, stationed with the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, has been announced.

Joseph Brothers, Department 454, and Franees McMahon of Bellingham were married on January 21.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Jeannette Sisoian, Department 426, on the loss of her father who died Deeember 20.

Family and friends of Herbert Spencer who passed away on January 23.

Konstantine Lipka on the reeent death of his wife.

Mary Paul on the death of her brother, Joseph Peltier, a Whitin employee.

Albert Bernard on the death of his father.

Joachem Paulhus on the death of his mother.

William Scanlon on the death of his sister, Mrs. Margaret H. Smith, who died in Roslindale, R. I., on February 2.

James Fisher, Assistant Foreman of Department 413, whose father, Leon Fisher, died January 29.

Family and friends of Charles D. Dandridge, 81, retired Whitin maehinist, who died at his home on Whitinsville Road, Sutton, on February 7. A native of Surrey, England, he had resided in Sutton for twenty years.

Friends and relatives of Herbert V. Spencer, 55, of Lineoln Street, Millville, who died in Woonsocket Hospital on January 23. Prior to moving to Millville nine years ago, he had resided in Whitinsville.

Survivors and friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Daubney, 85, who died in Providenee on January 22. Six of her descendants are employed at the Whitin Maehine Works.

Elsie Conrad, Department 416, on the death of her father, Arthur Metcalf of East Douglas, on February 17.

Alfred Choiniere on the death of his father.

Margaret Crosby on the death of her mother.

Francis Maeuga, Department 444, on the death of his sister.

John and Helen Sitnik, Department 444, on the death of their mother.

William LeClaire, of Department 433, on the death of his stepbrother.

Richard Schuyler on the death of his father on January 18, at the age of 91.

Dominie O'Gara whose mother passed away February 10 at the age of 71.

Aime and Emile Aussant on the death of their mother, Mrs. Sophie Aussant, of Linwood.

"HITTING the BOTTLE" can have Serious Results

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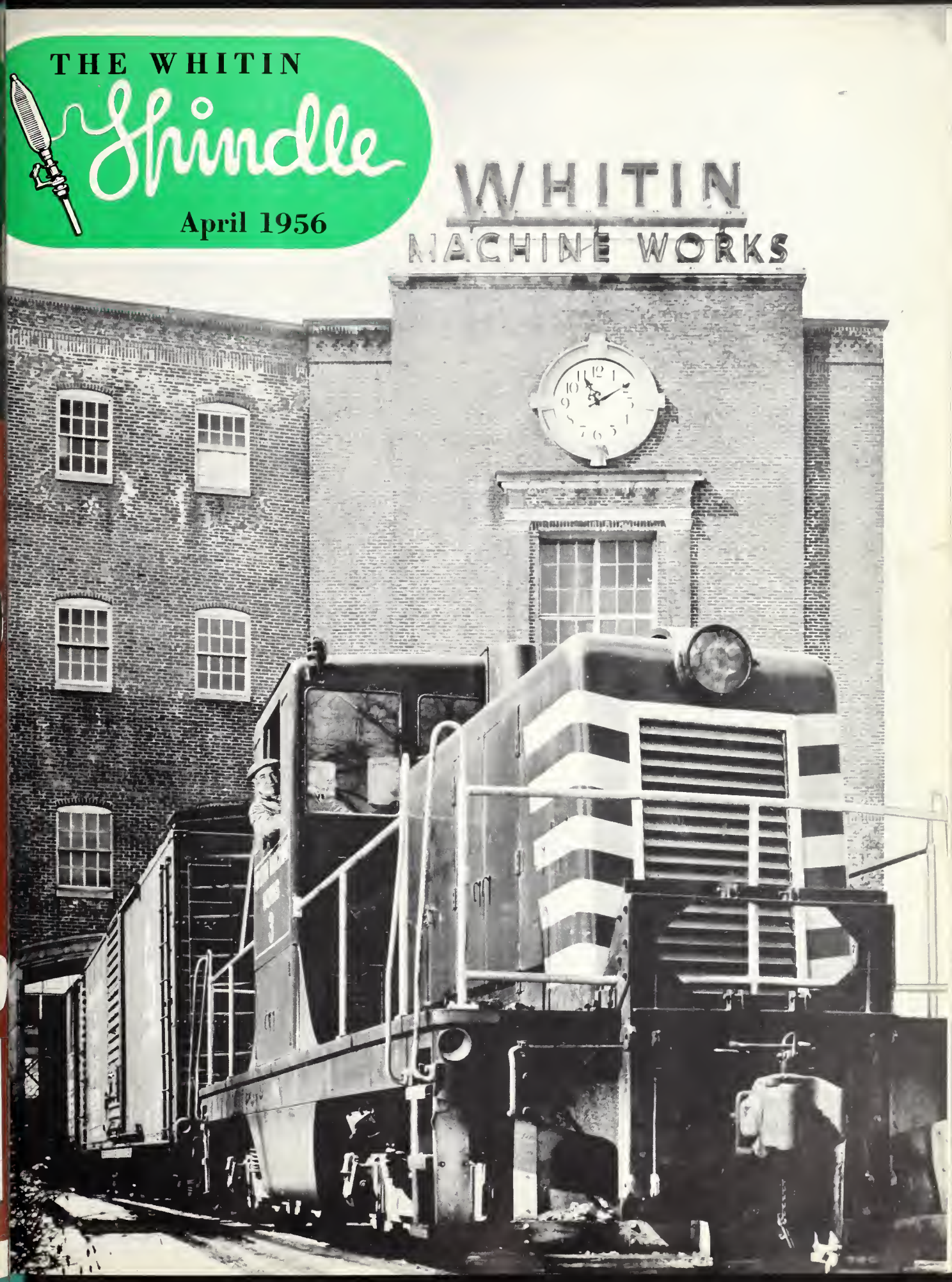


Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Norman King, a Ring Burnisher, has worked in Department 437 for 29 years. He was born in New Hampshire, is married and lives in Uxbridge. He has 3 children

William O'Neil, Crib Attendant on the Tool Jab far 31 years, is unmarried anc lives in Whitinsville. He is an avid sport: fan and his favorite hobby is fishing

Phyllis Kosciak, an Inspector in Department 446, has been with Whitin 15 years. She lives in Narthbridge and has one son. Her hobbies—sewing and knitting

Leno McKay, Inspector, has been in th Spindle Department 15 years. She wa born in Uxbridge but now lives in Whitins ville. She lists dancing as her favorite hobb

Michael Derkosrafian has been a Packer for 44 yeors. He was born in Armenia, lives in Whitinsville and is the treasurer of the local Armenian Apostolic Church

Alphege Lozier, Painter, hos 32 yeors at Whitin. He is a Warld War I veteran and an avid baseball fan. At one time he played for Rockdale in the Valley League

Edward Beaudain, of 436, has worked o drilling, lathe, and milling machines fc 25 years. He is unmarried and lives i South Sutton where he owns a farm

TRANSPORTATION

The Magic Carpet

TRANSPORTATION has and always will play a major role in world progress. Practically everything man eats, wears, or uses has at one time or another been transported by animals, trucks, trains, boats, or airplanes.

Transportation plays a vital part also in the progress of the Whitin Machine Works, for it brings us the raw materials from which textile machinery is made and delivers our finished machinery to our customers.

Last year over 100,000,000 pounds of freight were shipped or received by our Traffic Department. During the last year, in addition to the 1,026 freight cars which rolled into or out of our Whitinsville plant, about 15,000 trucks (25% of them being huge tractor-trailers) loaded or unloaded cargo at the freight house.

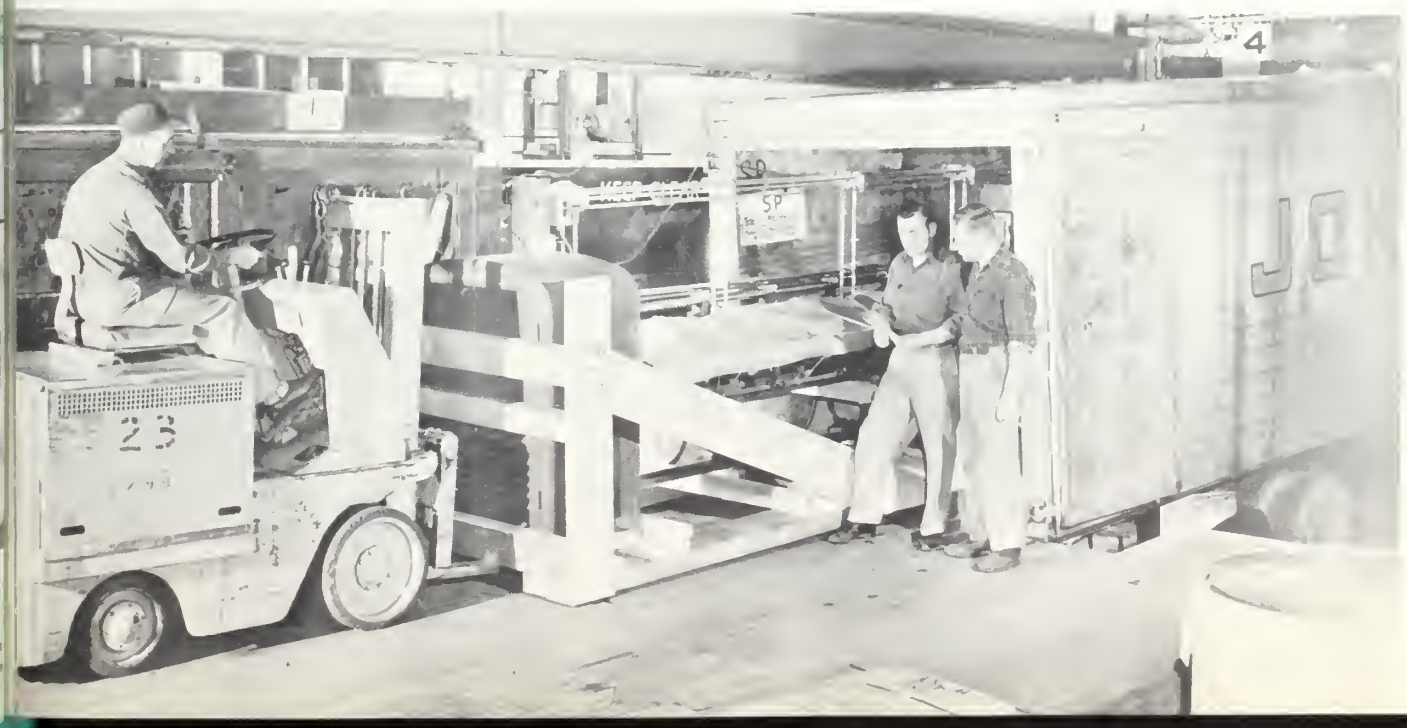
The main functions of the Traffic Department are the packing and the shipping and receiving of freight.

PACKING

The packing of our products is handled in several sections. The packing of parts for synthetic machines is under the direct supervision of Foreman J. Harold Baszner. The packing of large machines, creel boards, and cylinders, is handled by another group of 32 men under Assistant Foreman Wilfred Vallee. A third group of 21 men and six clerks works with Assistant Foreman Joseph Connors in making ready for shipment small detachable parts.

Our products are shipped in a variety of packages: on

anel Henault, Fark Truck Operatar, loads a Johnson trailer with a Camber for Highland Park Mill, Charlotte, N. C. Camber should arrive at destination approximotely 36 hours after leaving Whitin. Raymond Gourd, Group Leader, checks the shipment while Assistant Foreman Henry Belanger looks on



All parts for textile machines are carefully packed. This photograph shows a section of a Picker being packed for export to Nouvelle Orleans, Gand, Belgium. From the left: Louis Vermette, Andrew Berube, and Assistant Foreman Wilfred Vallee

Transportation *(continued)*

skids, crated, in wooden boxes, cardboard cartons, in barrels, and in bundles.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

The actual shipping and receiving of freight is handled by four-man crews who work with Assistant Foreman Henry Belanger. In this section a night shift is headed by Supervisor Henry Henault. These crews are assisted by seven fork truck operators, members of Department 407, who are permanently assigned to work with the Traffic Department.

OFFICE FORCE

Behind each movement of freight there is careful planning. In the Traffic Office, which not only plans the shipments into and out of the Whitinsville plant but also assists the Charlotte and Dexter plants in their shipments, are employed fifty-four clerical workers. Their duties are manifold, for Whitin ships by overland, parcel post, express, freight, and by air.

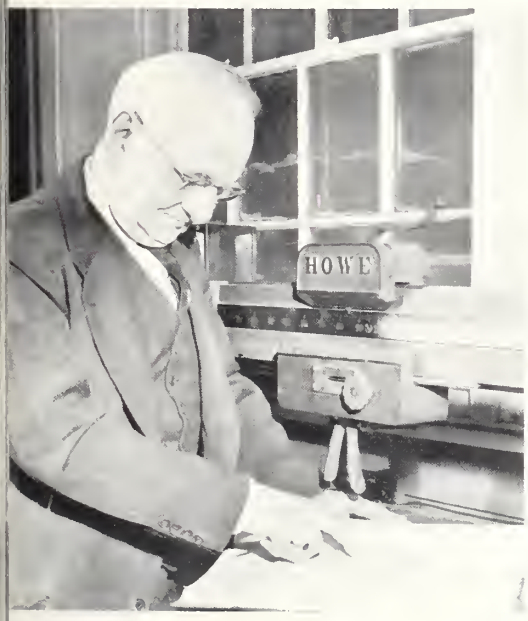
Each method poses its own peculiar problems. As an example, let us follow an export order. After the machines are packed, the weight and cubic space of the shipment must be computed and often converted to the metric system. Steamship lines must be contacted for sailing dates and the broker must be approached to arrange for space on the vessel. The customer's letter of credit must be checked and foreign invoices must be made out. There is the problem of foreign duties and the ever-present nightmare of possible shortages and, most important of all, the necessity of meeting the customer's delivery requirements. It is a challenging job, especially for chief of the export section, Richard Benner. *continued on page 6*

Railroads are another means of transportation. Severin Roy and Armand Turcotte load a freight car with Roving Frame parts for shipment to Washington Mills, Fries, Virginia. The checker is Hermon Arnold

Assistant Foreman Joseph Connors and Foreman J. Harold Baszner check Spinning Frame small parts as they are being packed by Eugene Lamontagne and Angelo Arciero

ght: Group Leader Walter DePartie and Henry Rainey
e shown packing creel boards for a Spinning frame

bert Montgomery, Tariff Analyst, checks scale records on freight cars



ssistant Traffic Manager Thurston Brown and Traffic Man-
ger John Wasiuk plan shipping schedule for the following
lay. Nancy Britten, Secretary, types the list as it is being composed

John Zaleski, Fork Truck Operator, stacking boxes of parts in Freight House for shipment to customers. The checker is Harold Bishop

Supervisor Arthur St. Andre checking incoming freight as it is unloaded by Alfred Dejordy and Raymond Forsythe

Above: Deller Duhamel, Chief Clerk of Repair Shipments, looks over a box of repair parts which are being packed by Alfred Demers for one of our many customers. Del and his office staff handle all paper work on outgoing repairs

Transportation *(continued)*

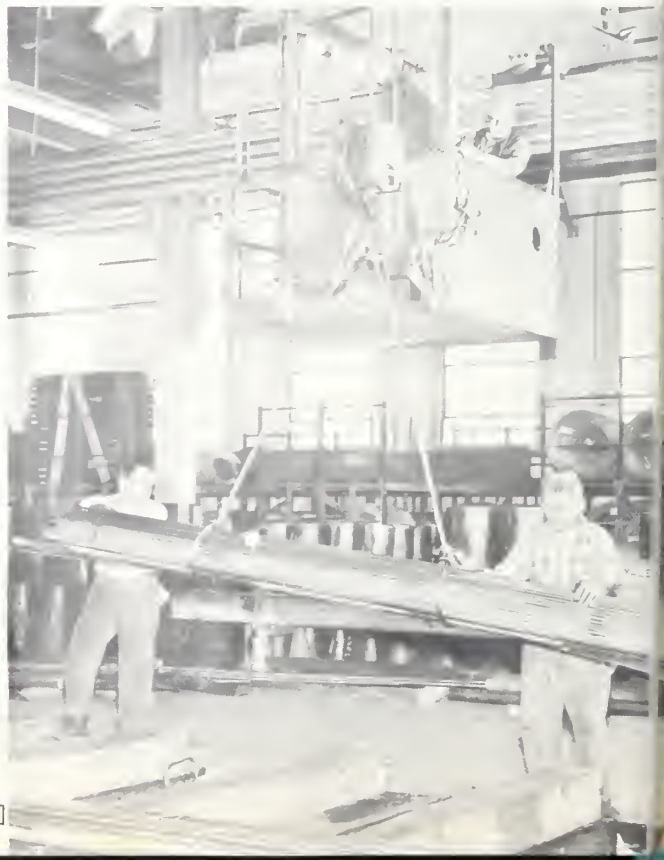
This department, which is headed by Traffic Manager John F. Wasiuk and Assistant Manager Thurston K. Brown, is important not only to the people who work in it but also to everyone in the plant. The Traffic Department is the coordinating agent between the planning, manufacturing, and erecting departments of the plant. It is the job of the Traffic Department to determine when our products are ready for shipment, to assemble those products at the Freight House, to pack the products, and then to ship them to our customers.

John F. Wasiuk, a Whitin employee since 1933, became Traffic Manager in 1943. John and Mrs. Wasiuk, the former Anne Stanick, were married September 1, 1930, and now live on Northeast Main Street, East Douglas. They have a son John, who is 13 years old.

Thurston K. Brown, Assistant Traffic Manager, has been a Whitin employee since 1936. Thurston and Mrs. Brown, the former Madeleine Gorman, were married April 23, 1944, and now live at 101 Linwood Street, North Uxbridge. They have two children, 11-year old James and 8-year old Douglas.

The senior employees of the Traffic Department include: Arthur St. Andre, 55 years; Albert Montgomery, 51 years; Deller Duhamel, 46 years; Michael Derkosrofian, 44 years; Wilfred Vallee, 40 years; Sidney Dufries, 39 years; Henry Laflamme, 37 years; Katherine Keirnan, 36 years; Michael Mountain, 36 years; Donat Roy, 34 years; Joseph Connors, 33 years; Edward Duggan, 32 years; Joseph White, 31 years; John Collins, 31 years; Damon Richards, 29 years; Albert Pouliot, 29 years; Henry Vanderbrug, 28 years; Joseph O. Gregoire, 28 years; Eugene Lamontagne, 27 years; Severin J. Roy, 25 years; Alphondor Noel, 23 years; Louis Laferrier 23 years; Angelo Areiero, 23 years; Raymond Forsyth 23 years; James F. Forsythe, 23 years; John Wasiu 23 years; Harvey Mercier, 22 years; Joseph W. Broch 20 years; Leopold Laflamme, 20 years; Henry J. Isabell 20 years; Rene Morrissette, 20 years; Thurston I Brown, 20 years; and J. Harold Baszner, 20 years.

William Pouliot, Alfred Briggs, and Crane Operator Alfred Montville u loading steel at Warehouse



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FRONT COVER: In a series of articles we have traced the manufacture of Whitin machines from the Foundry to the Freight House. Times have changed since our products were dragged to the canal bank by yokes of oxen. With Henry Courteau, who for 37 years has been at the throttle of various Whitin locomotives, in charge, a 65-ton Diesel hauls a string of loaded freight cars from our plant. The engine can pull up to 290 tons.

Whitin Personality

EUGENE M. KENNEDY is a personable and affable fellow who, in his capacity as Assistant Manager of the Export Sales Department, keeps Whitin's foreign agents and customers abreast of the latest developments in Whitin textile machinery.

Gene was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on March 23, 1917. There he grew up and attended primary and secondary schools. He later attended Georgetown University and the University of Scranton. He was graduated in 1939 from Scranton University after majoring in business administration. During World War II he served in the Air Corps.

He began his education in the manufacture and sale of textile machinery by working for the U. S. Textile Machine Company, manufacturers of lightweight twisting equipment, in Scranton. Although primarily concerned with installing a cost system and inventory control system, his knowledge of Spanish and French made him of service to the sales force. Gene joined Whitin in February of 1942, worked in the Cost Department, and transferred to Export Sales in 1943.

He enjoys his present work, which frequently takes him to Europe and other distant places, for there is always the challenge of the novel and the unexpected.

He finds, however, that he must study almost constantly in order to keep abreast of machinery developments. It is not a simple matter to survey a customer's needs and to determine precisely the equipment he should be furnished to fill such needs. It is necessary to know not only Whitin equipment but also the machinery of other manufacturers throughout the industry.

Gene is a family man. On March 30, 1940, he was married to the former Miss Mary E. Loftus in Scranton. They now have four children—14-year old Eugene M., Jr., 11-year old Mary Ellen, 7-year old Barbara, and 5-year old John. They live on Linden Street, Whitinsville.

Gene enjoys sports both as a participant and as spectator. In addition to ice skating and swimming, he says that he is "a good player of bad golf." When asked about baseball, he stated, "I am a Red Sox fan, first, last, and always, and I am positive that they are going to win—but I make no prediction when!"

Gene is the president of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's parish, a director of the New England Export Club, a member of the National Foreign Trade Council, a member of the Worcester Foreign Trade Council, and a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club.

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MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE AND TOOL ROOM PROCEDURE

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President, Industrial Engineering Associates

In the summer of 1953, an ambitious group of Whitin employees enrolled in correspondence courses sponsored by the Whitin Machine Works and given by the Industrial Engineering Associates of Mooresville, Ohio. Up to the present time, thirty-five members of the original group successfully completed 330 lessons and were presented their certificates of completion.

In their achievement, these men not only have acquired a more comprehensive knowledge of the theoretical background of the metalworking trades but have found that they possess the necessary self-discipline, determination, and fortitude for the successful completion of a job once it is started. They have shown outstanding initiative, thereby gaining the respect and admiration of their associates.

As an added inducement to enrolled employees to complete the course of study, the Whitin Machine Works offered to reimburse $27.50 to each employee who finished the course. This sum was half the initial cost of each course. Unfortunately, some of the men who originally purchased courses found it impossible, for one reason or another, to complete them. Many of these courses can now be purchased from their original owners for half price or lower, and regardless of what is paid for the course the Whitin Machine Works will still reimburse the purchaser with $27.50 when the course is successfully completed.

The course covers mathematics, elementary and advanced blueprint reading, precision measurement, heat treatment, and tool and die design, as well as the common machine tool operations. Among the machines studied are drill presses, milling machines, shapers, slotters, grinders, planers, horizontal and vertical boring mills and lathes.

Persons interested in either purchasing or selling a course should communicate with John C. Baker, Apprentice Director.

Those who completed the Industrial Course were: Raymond Achorn, Jr., Arthur L. Armstrong, Walter P. Bomba, Edward P. Boutiette, Duty R. Caswell, Jr., Aram Chasse, Nicholas Colonero, Nicholas DeLucia, Albert O. Destrempes, Anthony DiCillo, W. Everet Grant, Peter J. Forget, Ernest H. Garneau, Georg Hoekstra, John Kalvinek, Thomas Kiezak, Donald K Lange, Charles R. Malkasian, Albert Mascinica, Leo E Menard, Frank Michalski, Ira Naroian, Garrett Oppe wall, Russell J. Palmer, Bernard Patsky, Eugene M Racine, Charles W. Resan, Laurence Southwick, Lewi W. Stimpson, Robert L. Vachon, Sidney Vandersea William G. Young, Herman Yongsma, Keith I. Wilco and Emil Zywien.

On the completion of a correspondence course in Machine Shop Practice or Tool Room Procedure, Hermon Yongsma, center, was awarded a certificat The presentation was made by John Cunningham, General Superintender while John Baker, Apprentice Director, looked on

Bill Magill, Department 411 personality, won many prizes as a bicycle racer

morning recently. We were glad it wasn't broken and that she was out for only a few days. . . . We welcome back to work C. Giordano who has been out for some time following surgery.

Your reporter would appreciate it if anyone having news would contact her. We want to make this column one to be proud of, so please help us do it.

DEPARTMENT 411

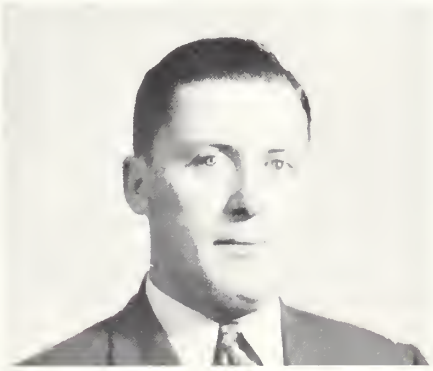
by Leon Atteridge

This month we are going to try something different in our department. Since we have such a large department, we feel that it's unfair not to have more articles concerning our night shift, so we are now going to have two personalities each month, one from each shift.

Our personality for the day shift is William Magill who is assistant foreman. Bill was born in Whitinsville and educated in the Northbridge schools. He is married to the former Cecile Jones and they have a daughter Beverly. Before coming to work for W.M.W., he worked for Taft Pierce in Woonsocket, and has also worked as a mechanic. At one time he had a garage business of his own. Bill first worked on Charlie Stuart's job in the Foundry in 1925. Then he came to our department as an automatic hand operator. In 1946 he was appointed assistant foreman. Bill's hobbies are fishing and woodwork. He has a fine collection of furniture, lamps, toys, knick-knacks, etc., that he has made in his workshop. In his earlier years he was well known as a bicycle racer. Bill has won a number of prizes as a bicycle racer. He still remembers when his bicycle slipped out from under him and he burned his leg. Bill is also a member of the Whitin Glee Club and has been active since its organization. He is also an active member of the United Presbyterian Church and sings in the choir.

Our personality on the night shift is Roger Ladieu. Roger was born in Franklin, Mass., and has farmed for most of his working years. He worked at Shoreham and Enosburg Falls, two large farms in Vermont where he spent most of his life. He has also worked for our milk concern—The Garelick Bros. Roger is married to a Vermont girl, Marilyn White, and he has the distinction of being the youngest father of our night crew. He is 21 and he and Mrs. Ladieu have two sons and a daughter with whom they make their home on Riverdale Street in Northbridge, Mass. He was married at the early age of 17. In August of this year he came to work in our department as a turret lathe operator. Roger's hobbies are fishing and hunting. He is also interested in basketball and baseball. He is fortunate in having a wife who is interested in the same hobbies as he is. She usually goes on fishing trips with Roger.

Congratulations to Henry Belseth on receiving his fifteen-year service pin this month. . . . We welcome the following people who are now working with us: Olga Gilmore, Germaine Bogie, Ceslawa Walenty, Louise Sobon, Carl Adams, Richard Parent, Raymond Pierson, and



Eugene Lamontagne, Traffic Department personality, spent his boyhood in Camte De Bellechasse, Province of Quebec

Frank Ganczar. . . . Carl Hendrickson has lost his faith in mankind. A couple of cigarette lighters were taken from his home recently.

Helen Burroughs went home from her store recently and after getting ready for bed she received a telephone call. The party calling told her that he was calling from her store. Helen couldn't understand this because she had just left the store, locking it behind her. The party calling was the Northbridge Police Department.

Angelo Geruso is now sporting around with a brand new Plymouth. Lois Heerdt would probably be more than willing to trade cars with him. . . . Celebrating birthdays this month are Alfred Belanger, John Kennelly, Roland Philbrook, Paul Hendrickson, Jacob Youngsma, Francis Kane, Harry McQuade, Barren Wallace, and John Demers. . . . Best wishes to the following who are celebrating anniversaries this month: Alex Gray, Veronica and Tony Bellione, William Maher, Henry Belseth, Walter Daubney, Atwood Bailey, Henry Bardol, Carl Hendrickson, Eugene Massey, Jacob Feddema, Herbert Hammond, and Alex Boucher.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality: Eugene Lamontagne was born April 13, 1904, in St. Damien, Comte de Bellechasse, P. Q., Canada, attended school there, worked on the farms and in September, 1922, left Canada to take up residence in Linwood. He started to work on the Spinning Floor the same year. After a few years, work was slow so "Gene" decided to go back to Canada, returned to the United States a few years later, and in 1929 started to work on the Packing Job where he has been ever since. Eugene married Alice Marshall of Linwood on April 19, 1939. They live on Providence Road where he enjoys working around his house and gardening.

Mrs. Mildred Cook, Lorraine Dufault, and Mary Hayward went to Boston to see "Cinerama Holiday." They were all impressed by the movie and recommend it very highly. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sheehan and family have moved into their new house on Hill Street. . . . We welcome Robert P. Renaud, who is working for Henry Belanger. . . . Joseph Landry has begun work in the Freight Office. . . . Louis Laferriere is coming along nicely. . . . Robert Morrissette, son of Rene Morrissette is recuperating very well from an operation. . . . As of this writing, Mr. James Rice is still confined to Milford Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery and we hope that he will be back with us soon, for we miss his pleasant smile and whistling. We are glad to hear that his wife is home from the hospital. . . . Mr. Kilda Monast suffered a few bruises while at work and was hospitalized. We are glad to know that he is out of the hospital and coming along nicely. . . . Mr. John Cichonski had the misfortune to fall in a

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Van Ness, Sr., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at the Golden Chicken in Auburn on February 12

puddle of water and to get so wet that he had to go home and change. He also lost his umbrella, for the wind got hold of it and turned it inside out, making it unserviceable.

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

Doesn't it seem good to see our department's column in the SPINDLE again? Remember, it's those of you who turn in news items that make this condition possible. Keep the news coming as you have in recent months.

Some months ago John Sulyma, unhappy at the loss of the family dog because of age, vowed that his family would never have another dog. The fair sex—John's daughter Pat and wife Sophie—wanted another and acquired a collie pup, supposedly won in a TV dog-naming contest. After John had accepted the fact that the new dog was there to stay, John found that it was the gift of a family on a nearby street.

Transfers: Patrick Randall is alternating between cribs 16 and 18. Joseph Audet has been transferred to Department 429; Joseph Menard, formerly of Department 411, has joined Department 421. . . . New faces—Peter Brothers, Blackstone, was formerly employed at Draper's. . . . Charles Giordano, Slatersville, who has replaced Wally Benoit as our trucker, was discharged from the Navy on December 5. . . . Donald Mongeon has replaced Mary McCudden who has been transferred to Department 423. . . . We will miss the pleasant smile of Doris Shaw who has transferred to Department 406. . . . Keith Kilbreath has gone to Research.

The Harold Wrights have a soft spot in their hearts these days for the family dog, for the intelligent creature's constant barking brought help when Mrs. Wright needed it. She suffered a severe fall while hanging clothes during icy weather. At this time, Mrs. Wright is well on the road to recovery. . . . New cars—Tom Morven has a new '56 Chevrolet station wagon; Peter Kuipers a '52 Dodge; Esten Hill a '56 Buick. . . . By the time this appears in print, George Leland will have met his new daughter-in-law who is flying from England. . . . Arsene Racicot attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Edwin Libby, in Brunswick, Maine.

Did you know that Donald Dion is the assistant director of the local Sea Scouts? Don says the training these young men, who are from 14–18 years of age, receive in boating, navigation, and seamanship may be of help even if they don't decide to join the Navy. . . . The personnel of our departments send a word of cheer to Mary Kostka whose husband Paul has been ill. We are sure that he will be up and around in the near future.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

Belated congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Wright who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on February 16. The day was highlighted by a theater and dinner party attended by friends from Whitinsville, Worcester, and Boston. . . . Illness seems to be the "news of the day." Wilfred Courteau is confined to his home with a severe heart strain. We send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery. . . . Thomas Frieswyk's son, 2½-year-old Tommy, is running about, as good as new, after his recent appendectomy. . . . We are glad to hear that Eddie Bergeron's wife is home from the hospital and back on the road to good health after her serious illness. One evening while Eddie was visiting his wife, his car was stolen from the hospital parking lot. The car was recovered within an hour but not before it had been badly damaged. Since then the car has been repaired and those responsible have been apprehended.

We seem to have an epidemic of "new-car-itis" in the department. While several have shown definite symptoms, only one has succumbed to it as yet. . . . For several days we heard all about the new red Ford that Tom Mateer was going to buy. Maybe we're color blind, but that new Ford certainly looks blue to us! . . . Edmund Bartlett has also bought a Ford, 1952 vintage. (P.S. Does anyone want to buy a 1948 Chevrolet? He has one for sale.) . . . Hooray! The Electricians bowling team made the roll-offs by a slight margin. Philip Rae, anchor man, helped pull the team through to victory. By the way, Phil had the high individual average in the bowling league. Other team members were Conrad Roy, Albert Couture, Lawrence Gamelin, Zavan Dagirmanjian, and Sidney DeJong. . . . Donald Mullen has joined the ranks of new home-owners with the purchase of a house in Rockdale. We wish him and his family many years of happiness in their new house.

Every month when the SPINDLE comes out, you fellows look and ask for the Electrical Department's column. When there isn't one, you express your disappointment. But if there isn't any news, then we can't write a column—it's as simple as that. If you'll give us the news items, we'll see to it that they get to the SPINDLE.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

"Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Sad, but true. The weather, pro and con, is a topic of discussion that has certainly been under fire lately. John Dudley has made a study of weather conditions and his predictions are usually right. . . . Happy April birthday greetings to Ernie Zimmerman, Ike Peloquin and Spike Smith, and anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Meotti and to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lash. . . . A warm welcome this month to Edward Holmes who recently has joined our ranks. Ed hails from Franklin, Mass. . . . Donald King is now working with Spindle Research and it is nice to have him with us. Donald formerly worked in Department 423. . . . Carol and Chick Corron have returned from their honeymoon in Florida. They said the weather was beautiful and the sun shone every day. . . . Just received the news that Virginia Burke has had a bad fall and has broken her arm. Sorry to hear that. Get well soon, Ginny. We all miss you, especially this reporter who is really lonely in the lab.

Personality of the Month: When you hear someone whistling or singing at his work, you know without turning around that Hugo Meotti is at his usual place and machine, namely the Roto Drafter.

Hugo was born in Bellingham on November 26, 1927. He attended the local schools there. In 1945, he joined the Navy, and for a good part of the time was stationed in Japan. In November of '46, Hugo came to work at W.M.W. and started on the Bolster Job. In 1948, he started Apprentice School to learn to be a Roving Erector.

After graduation, Hugo was transferred to Research Division, where he worked on worsted and cotton Roving and Spinning Frames. Shortly after the Roto Drafter was built, Hugo began to work on that frame, and he has been our Roto Drafter man ever since. Hugo was married in 1950 to Miss Constance Biron of Woonsocket. The Meottis have two children—Ronnie, age 5, and Nancy, who is two. Golf is the sport that Hugo chooses as his favorite and we are told by others that he is an excellent golfer. He is also an ardent baseball fan.

This 1918 Dodge, photographed in 1920, shows Joe Rivers of Department 427 in the driver's seat and Alphage Rivers of Department 440 in the rear seat

CARD SMALL PARTS, AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Our motto for the month of March is "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

Well, everyone can be at ease now because Russell Moore's pig has been found. After the pig had been lost for two weeks, the night shift, which included Sid Daubney, Bill Griffiths, Gene Forand, Larry Duhamel, Russ Moore (the owner), Russ Remillard and Conrad Plauffe, set out to find it. After two-and-a-half hours of searching, they finally spotted it. Russ Moore made one flying leap and landed right on the pig. It was like a football game, for everyone piled on. Russ Moore and Russ Remillard received minor damage in the fracas. The men all wound up at Bill Griffith's house for a bean supper.

We congratulate the following men who recently received their service pins: Henry Beaudoin received his 15-year pin; Donald Corbeille and Edward Laguerre received their 5-year pins. . . . Mary Paul is sporting around in a brand-new Volkswagen, which is a German car. Mary said, "that it handles just as easy as a baby carriage." We wish her luck on her travels. . . . Birthday greetings to Albert Poudrier and Albert Houle. . . . Albert Poudrier's parents celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last month. Congratulations, and we wish you many more.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Personality of the Month: Willis N. Buchman was born in Philipsburg, N. J., but his family moved to Worcester when "Bucky" was 5 years old. He attended the Worcester elementary schools and graduated from Worcester Trade in 1928. Bucky married the former Ethna Hopkins on June 6, 1932. In 1937 they moved to 202 North Main Street, Whitinsville, and he started working on the Chuck Job the same year. He worked on Card Flats, Comber and Torpedo Jobs, returning to the Chuck Job when the Torpedo Job closed. Bucky has been here since then and is now a group leader. Mr. and Mrs. Buchman have four children—two attending school, and two married daughters. One daughter is living in Newport, R. I., and the other in Panama. Bucky's favorite hobby is fishing.

Get-well wishes are extended to "Con" Van Brug who is at the Worcester Memorial Hospital and to "Len" Hinchliffe who is at the Whitinsville Hospital. We certainly hope they both will be back to work at this reading. . . . Jennie Spratt's daughter, Jean, a student nurse, was capped at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester ceremonies, on Monday, March 12, 1956. . . . Charlotte McKee, stock clerk, has been transferred to Department 427 and Mary Ann Keegan has returned to school at Bennington, Vt. They have been replaced by "Dottie" Antoian, our former stock clerk.

Birthday greetings go to "Nick" Beccia who celebrated on March 15. (Editor's note—Belated birthday greetings to "Ed" Rabitor who celebrated on February 20.) . . . Tom Keegan, inspector, has left us to take a position with the Pratt & Whitney experimental plant in Connecticut. Tom also has bought a trailer, and seems quite pleased about the entire situation.

These six men rescued a pig lost in the icy winter woodlands. From the left: front row—Larry Duhamel and Sid Daubney; rear row—Russ Remillard, Gene Forland, Bill Griffiths, and Russ Moore

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Our personality for this month is Nicholas Colonero, who has worked on the Milling Job since starting with Whitin on August 5, 1946. He makes his home on Main Street, East Douglas, with his wife and two children, Nicholas Jr., 2½ years old, and Linda Ann, age 8 months. Mrs. Colonero, who was the former Antoinette Goyette, is well known by many of us in the department for she worked with us for many years. Nick is a great lover of all sports and plays softball in the Shop League. He is also a member of the Icthus Club softball team of East Douglas. He is a veteran of World War II, having served as a sonar man on the U.S.S. *Action*, a British-type corvette. He is a member of John Michna Post 7554, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of East Douglas.

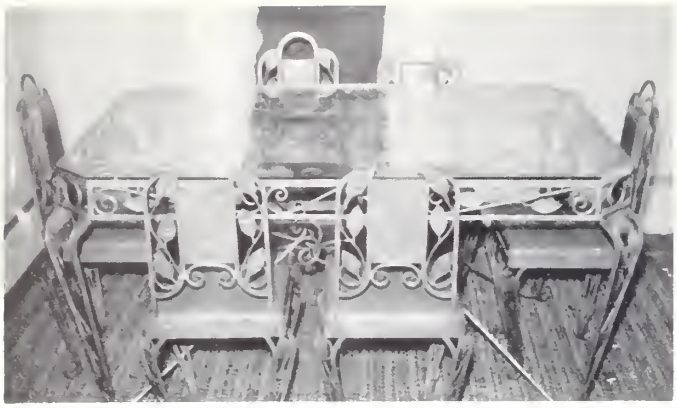
Welcome back to Frank Rutana who is back with us after a five-months' absence because of illness. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baldwin are looking forward to a very happy 10-week visit with his mother, brothers and sisters in Bernly, Lancashire, England. It will be a grand reunion as he has not seen them for 26 years. They will sail May 3 on the *Franconia*, leaving New York for Liverpool, England. We all wish them a pleasant trip and a happy stay with his folks. . . . A poll taken of thirty Department 416 baseball fans on their opinions of the final standing in the American League this coming summer resulted in the following. Standing is based on points: 8 for 1st, 7 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, etc. 1st place selections are in parentheses.

1	New York	219 (12)
2	Boston	205 (15)
3	Cleveland	176 (1)
4	Chicago	158 (2)
5	Detroit	128 (0)
6	Kansas City	82 (0)
7	Washington	56 (0)
8	Baltimore	53 (0)

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Belated birthday greetings for the month of March go to George Cote on March 8, Marcel Beausoliel on March 14, and Walter Hoyle on March 7. Birthday greetings for April are extended to Jeannette Sisoian on April 5, Clinton Tracy on April 16, and Beatrice Winchell on April 30. Best wishes to all of them and may they have many more. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of April are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauvin who will celebrate their 35th on Patriot's Day, April 19. Many happy returns of the day. . . . Come on gang, how about a little cooperation and help with the SPINDLE news? . . . Fred Bouffard received another certificate for his outstanding work with the Boy Scouts of America. Freddy really spends a lot of time with these boys and deserves a lot of credit.



Gus Menord, Department 432, made the wrought iron furniture in the dining room of Mr. and Mrs. John Steele

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Welcome back to Harold Kelliher who has returned to duty after his hospitalization. . . . Most surprised of all the recent visitors to Department 432 was Robert Moorey, former night supervisor. It seems the Personnel office telephoned ahead, telling John F. Sloan of Bob's coming—and as prearranged by Mr. Sloan, all former co-workers of Bob lined up to shake his hand. Poor Bob, for once in his lifetime, was at a loss for words!

Personality of the Month: Joseph L. Hvizdash of Department 410 takes honors this month as a personality. Joe was born April 27, 1912, at Morrisdale, Pennsylvania. His parents, who are still living, Jacob and Ann (Prosah) Hvizdash, are still residents of Morrisdale, Pa. Joe attended his hometown grade school and, like most residents, started to work in the coal mines. In 1928, he was employed by the Cunard Slope and Morrisdale Coal Co., finally moving to this Commonwealth in Douglas, and held a job in the Card Room of the Hayward Woolen Mills. Joe also worked as a wet mixer at Norton Abrasive of Worcester. In 1945 Department 410 had Joe as a W.M.W. employee. His first duties were those of racking steel, then he graduated to the noisy spindle swaggers—and at this writing, he is a substitute for ailing Henry Charron, who has been hospitalized in Lowell. On June 28, 1934, he was married to Miss Ann Cherokey of Oak Grove, Pa. Their home is located in North Uxbridge. Joe and Mrs. Hvizdash drive a sporty Oldsmobile, and for you early drivers, using Linwood Avenue, Joe is the guy who drives that small Army Jeepette to work. His hobbies are fishing and hunting, but the latter is preferred above anything in the sports world. An incident in Joe's life that he will never forget is the time he saved his father's life down deep in the mine shafts, by discovering the fuse on a charge of dynamite smouldering and starting to burn the powder, which eventually would have reached the cap and discharged the load of dynamite.

Joseph L. Hvizdash, Department 410 personality, shown as he looked in 1934 while employed as a coal miner in Morrisdale, Pa.

Sharing the personality spotlight also is Arthur "Jerry" Lemire, supervisor on Department 410. Jerry was born December 16, 1911, in St. Charles, Canada. His father, employed as a truck driver at W.M.W., is Amedee, and his mother is Georgianna (Jolly) Lemire, now living in Linwood. Jerry attended Good Shepherd School and Northbridge High. In 1928, he started to work as a gardener at the Lasell estate. Finally, in 1935, he entered W.M.W. on 410 as supervisor, a job he still holds to date. On February 23, 1935, he was married to Sylvia Duquette. The Lemire family is made up of Jackie, 18, Elaine, 16, Ann, 13, Gerald, 12, and Denis, 8 years of age. They are now living in a ranch-type house, located on William Ward Street, in North Uxbridge. A 1951 Mercury is the family buggy, with perhaps a later model coming up shortly (note that, Mrs. Lemire). His spare time is well taken up with social activities, the major part of it being devoted as manager of the Little League of Uxbridge, a big project in itself. When the weather is nice, Jerry spends some time working for the Bedard Construction Co. as a carpenter.

Being very modest, Jerry did not want to say too much about himself, but we found out that some years back, he saved a youth's life from drowning in a local pond. Although an incident of this sort always remains in your mind, Jerry denies remembering this heroic deed. His ambition in life is to travel west on a long vacation and to visit the San Fernando Valley, in California. (Jerry, I was in San Fernando, and if possible, do not visit it during the summer months.)

We must not forget to wish many happy returns to co-workers Mike Yozura and George Vacher.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

The "calorie conscious" girls in Payroll have actually gained weight on their alleged diets. . . . Dot Farrar's son Stephen has recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis. . . . We welcome Pat McLaughlin to Budgets. She has replaced Phyllis McQuilkin, who has moved into the Whitin Business Equipment office. . . . We welcome the return of Harold Tallman of Budgets from sick leave. . . . Herb Barnes of Budgets has moved into the newly renovated family homestead on Linwood Avenue.

Irene Marteka received a shower of kitchenware gifts from her associates in Machine Accounting, following announcement of her engagement. . . . Ernie Chase of Machine Accounting won a garden sprayer, the compliments of Ross Brothers, at the Whitin Home Garden Club meeting held at Odd Fellows Hall, February 28. . . . Helen Duggan of Machine Accounting recently completed a 15-hour course in cake decorating sponsored by the Massachusetts Extension Service. . . . Charles Lesieur of Timekeeping has accepted a position with Burroughs Business Machines in Providence. . . . We welcome Wendall

This is the number 1 shaft of the coal mine in which Joseph Hvizdash, Department 410, was employed in Pennsylvania

The hobby of Howard Cook, machine accounting supervisor and personality of the month, is golf

Taylor to Department 439, 2nd shift, timekeeping.

The Whitin Male Glee Club appeared on TV March 11, Channel 10 (on film with narrator) in connection with a concert given by the Rhode Island Music Festival. . . . Birthday greetings for March to Dot Hamblin, Ruth Kellaher, Harold Tallman, Dot Farrar and Cecile Dionne. . . . The Wishing Well elected the following to serve for 1956: Virginia Wood, President; Pauline Reynolds, Vice-President; Carolyn Schaapman, Secretary; Ann Sprott, Treasurer; and Gus Ayotte, Auditor. Gift committee: Irene Marteka, Ann Plantinga and F. Merwin Brown. Entertainment committee: Jean Buczynski, Wayne Stinson, Fay Goggins, Ruth Kellaher and Harold Tallman. Nominating committee: John Shaw and Ted Froh.

Personality of the month: Howard Eugene Cook, supervisor of the Machine Accounting section of Works Accounting division, has been with Whitin since 1939. Howard was former manager of the Customers' Service Bureau for I.B.M. in Worcester. He was born in Leominster, where he graduated from high school, class of '33. He also graduated from Becker College, class of '35. Howard has had schooling at Endicott, New York, in connection with his present duties. Machine Accounting is strictly a service department, consisting of 19 members, which is responsible for payroll (Shop) and statement; job costing, sales and distribution reports. Howard is married to the former Leona Smith. They have two children: Marilyn, age 12, and Bobbie, age 9 (a potential Little Leaguer). The Cooks make their home at 355 Hill Street, Whitinsville. Howard has three sisters: Harriet of Leominster, Hazel of Sterling and Ruth of Hartford. He is president of the Worcester Chapter of National Machine Accountants Association; past master of Granite Lodge A.F. & A.M.; a member of the Auxiliary Police; the United Presbyterian Church; and the Whitinsville Golf Club. Howard is active, aggressive, and is interested in any competitive sport. He has spent many hours with the Little Leaguers in developing the farm system. Only last year he became a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club, where he has developed into a competent and enthusiastic golfer. We might add that his activities keep him busier than a Fuller-Brush man at spring cleaning time.

REPAIR SALES

by Joyce Rondeau

We belatedly welcome to the office Nancy Gilmore, who formerly worked at the Whitinsville National Bank, and Warren Campbell from Research Department. We hope they will both be very happy here! . . . A recent bridal shower was held at Mr. A's in Worcester for Carol Davidson Corran. . . . With spring right around the corner, the newly organized Water Skiing Club is looking forward to a busy season. Ruth Crothers is President and Treasurer, and is already collecting dues! . . . Recent vacationers to Florida, the winter wonderland, were Mame Britton, Bob McKaig, Carol Corran and Joyce Rondeau. . . . Dick Cunningham was recently elected President of the Northbridge Little League! . . . The sad news of the day is the office bowling team! The team wound up third this year, but with high hopes for first place next year! . . . Happy birthdays this month to Lillian Mathurin, Betty Mombourquette, Tom Marshall, Al Nelson, and Ray Adams (most of them still claiming to be thirty-nine!) . . . Happy anniversaries to Norma Baker and Marguerite Tatro.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

As we start our column for another month, we first of all want to welcome "Rocky" Knight back after a spell in the hospital. . . . We are all glad to hear that Roland Farrar's son also is home from the hospital after a miraculous recovery from a ruptured appendix. . . . Congratulations go to Joe Platukis and Ted Fronszak on receiving another suggestion award. Also to Jim Shaw who received his service pin for five years of faithful service to the Company. . . . Telex Richard has been elected to the planning board for the town of Grafton for another five-year term. He was also elected clerk of the South Grafton Water District for one year. Good luck in both ventures, Telex. . . . We've missed Roy Benner for the past few weeks while he was doing his duty by serving on the jury in Worcester.

The fine weather at North Conway, New Hampshire, was enjoyed by skiers Norman and Edna L'Esperance, Joy Varteresian, and Jack Kelliher

Howard K. Anderson, whose hobby is collecting coins, is active in civic affairs and fraternal organizations

Eve Lundberg attended the annual Blue and Gold Banquet for the Cub Scouts and their parents as the guest of her son Lewis. After an enjoyable dinner, the boys presented sketches of "Cub Scout Life" to entertain their folks. . . . Congratulations to Henry Lawton's daughter Kathleen who was recently capped as a student nurse at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. . . . Shirley McNamara found that newly-fallen snow is not as pure as it looks when it recently swallowed up a five-dollar bill. . . . Anne Watjlik has traded in her Ford station wagon for a new Ford Fairlane sedan. . . . Bea Gauthier's daughter Judy is very helpful around the house now that she is striving for her Girl Scout badges in cooking and bedmaking.

Birthdays: Mona Paine, Ken Crossman, Everett Grant, and Joe Platukis. . . . Anniversaries: Ray and Carrie Benner, their 29th; Margaret and Donald Crosby, their 10th; Tom and Betty Altoonian, their 9th and Carl and Eva Dupree, their 17th.

Personality of the Month: Howard K. Anderson, competent assistant to Ray Colby in the Product Estimating Group,

MYSTERY PHOTO—The lad on the left is James Ashworth of Moster List. On the right, this month's mystery shows o youth ot Old Orchard Beach about 1918

was born in Worcester and was educated in Millbury Public Schools and the New England Institute of Accounting. He married Isabelle Robertson in Whitinsville in 1945, and they have two lovely daughters—Virginia Sue, eight, and Barbara Jane, five. This happy family lives in a southern colonial, garrison-type home on an 18½ acre tract of land on Fairlawn Street in Whitinsville. Howard built the house himself in 1950. Prior to his thirteen years with the Whitin Machine Works, Howard was employed by Cohen and Associates, public accountants.

Interested in civic activities, Howard belongs to the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Parent-Teacher Association, The Whitin Garden Club, Granite Lodge, and he is a Past High Priest of St. Elmo Royal Arch Chapter. Presently serving as a selectman of Northbridge, he was an active member in forming the Taxpayers Association of the town and served as a director and secretary until resigning to become a candidate for the office of selectman. Active in the Whitinsville Methodist Church, he is a member of the Official Board, the Finance Committee, a Sunday School teacher, and treasurer of the Men's Organization.

Howard's large collection of rare old coins is his favorite hobby, but his carpentry and gardening have produced many satisfying results. Vacation time will always find Howard and his family at Blue Hills, where they enjoy that good Maine air and delicious lobsters.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Phil J. O'Grady

This month's personality is Bernice C. Darcy. Bernice, who has been with us only six months, is secretary to Al Roy. Born and brought up in Uxbridge, Bernice graduated from Uxbridge High School in 1952. She was previously employed by the Traveler Insurance Company in Worcester. A very pleasant and capable girl, she is taking evening courses at Becker Junior College. Bernice has a variety of hobbies and interests which include sewing, cooking (don't forget that chocolate cake), swimming and dancing.

The welcome mat is out this month for Barbara Boucher, who transferred here from the Production Department, Philip Feddema, a graduate of Mondell Trade School in Jamaica, New York and Walter Perda, a native of Woonsocket, R. I. We hope their stay will be long and pleasant.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Frabotta and Marlene Willard

"April showers bring May flowers," but in the case of Sally Mantashigian and Gloria Frabotta, March showers brought April weddings. Sally was honored at a shower held at the A.R.F. Club, which was attended by a group of past and present Main Office girls. Another more personal shower was given her at the home of Lilly Susienka by her sewing circle friends. A shower for Gloria was held at the home of May (Hutcheson) Stuart, and was attended by a group of Main Office girls, her friends and relatives. She was also honored at a double shower held at the Progressive Club.

We are sorry to report that Sally Mantashigian's marriage has made it necessary for her to take up residence in Pawtucket, and that she will no longer be with us, but we would like to extend a friendly hello to Annie Garabedian who has taken her place. Welcomes are also in order for Paula Baker who is now working the Foreign Department, and Eleanor Towle who has joined the Payroll gang. . . . A party was held at Mr. A's in Worcester in honor of Julie McDonough, Sally Mantashigian, Gloria Frabotta, and Evelyn McNamara. Each of the girls was presented a gift, and all were given our best wishes. . . . The girls of the electric keyboards recently witnessed a demonstration by an IBM operator on their latest electric typewriter.

The standing of the Main Office Bowling League at this writing is as follows:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings

	Won	*Los*
Team 4 (Chris Bosma)...	21	11
Team 2 (Fran Guertin).....	16	16
Team 1 (Helen Gilroy).....	15	17
Team 3 (Ann McDonald)...	12	20

However, the big news in bowling thi month is the Telegram & Gazette Bowlin Tournament. Several of the girls from ou League tried out. None of them qualified but they all deserve a cheer for trying Better luck next year, girls. . . . Las but not least, are the birthdays and anniversaries for this month. We say happ birthday to Marion Taft, Gert Barlow Evelyn McNamara, Jim Marshall, Jess Laredo, and J. J. Foley. Anniversar wishes are extended to Agnes Spratt an Clayton Cleverly.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We hope by the time this column is rea that Helen Misakian and Frank Budnic will be back with us again. I also hop that by then the broken vein in my leg wil have healed. I've had it about six week now and the doctor tells me that I ca expect to have it for about two more. . . . Mrs. Hope Brown is justly proud of he daughters, 14-year old Kathy, and 10-yea old Judy, tap dancers who appeare in a talent show given by the Douglas Fir Department. This is only one of man shows they will appear in during the follow ing months. . . . Have you seen San Mateer riding around town in his ne Chevy, or Jim Shaw in his new statio wagon? Pretty sharp! Jim's name re cently was drawn for jury duty. . . . A shower for Mrs. Virginia Merrill was give in the home of Mrs. Irene Barnett's daugh ter by Mrs. Barnett. The girls in th office were invited as well as other o Virginia's friends. Wedding showers ar always exciting and Virginia received man nice things. . . . Birthdays this mont and lots of good wishes for Alfred Capon and Paul Wheeler (who has a son that has birthday on the same day as Paul). Hop you fellows get your favorite cake. . . Emmett Martin's dog Jingles was hit by car. The dog is getting along fine and i expected home from the vet's real soon.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

It is our pleasure to present, as Produc tion's Personality of the Month, Le Beauregard who is a lifelong resident o Woonsocket. He was educated in tha city and furthered his education at th Rhode Island College of Education wher he took courses in the technique of adul

teaching. This prepared him for work in the fields of emigration and naturalization. He also followed this subject through the medium of extension courses at Brown University and also studied machine operation at the Rhode Island School of Design. Leo found the naturalization work extremely interesting during the few short years he worked at it. Of course, this particular vocation was terminated by the outbreak of World War II.

Leo married the former Cecille St. Martin of Woonsocket in 1940 and came to work at Whitin in February of 1941. He started at Department 426, went to Department 418, and finally came into the Production Department in 1942. The Beauregards have two children, Lucille, ten and a half and Raymond, age six. Quite naturally, they are Leo's chief concern. He is still an avid reader, and on week ends he works in a Woonsocket market. The latter vocation has a purpose for Leo's big ambition at the moment is to own a home in the suburbs of Woonsocket. We all sincerely hope that this dream will be realized.

Congratulations are in order for Harold Barnes of stores room 8. Harold recently won an award for a suggestion on a device used on a weighing scale and received his award at appropriate ceremonies in the office. . . . Alice Warren and Stan Frodyma recently received their 5-year service pins. These pins were presented by Harry Segal. . . . Bob Pratt, who married the former Nina LaFleur on February 21, was guest of honor at a dinner at Aunt Mary's on February 17. Bob was presented with cuff links and a tie bar, a gift from his fellow central planners who were present at the affair. . . . The Production Department party, held March 17 at the Nipmue Rod and Gun Club, was a particularly gala affair. The affair consisted of catered dinner, general dancing, and entertainment. Much fun was had by everyone. It was St. Patrick's day and of course much green was in sight. The committee in charge of the affair are deserving of praise for planning such a delightful evening. The committee was comprised of such sons and daughters of the "auld sod" as Margaret O'Newton, Pat O'DiSalvo, Jack McGilchrist, and Bill Walsh.

Plans are now being made to officially launch the 1956 Golf League: the opening is April 24; the place Thompson Raceway Golf Club, Thompson, Conn. League president Vic Romasco has announced the six teams are ready to go and that it should be a good league. If you are interested in playing golf, and if Tuesday night is a free night, contact either Vic or Secretary Bill Kearnan and I am sure you will have an enjoyable summer in the league. Team captains for this season are as follows: Jim Kane, Ray (I'll Belt It a Mile) Young, F. O. Rizer, Jim Bernard and (I'll Get Plenty of Arguments on This One) Charlie Malkasian. One other captaincy is yet to be filled. There are many eligibles. . . . This is it for this month. Your reporters still urge your cooperation, especially if you are asked to be a personality!

Births

To Joe and Annette Krol, a son, John Gregory, weight 5 lbs. 10 oz.

To Ted Minior, Research Division, and Mrs. Minior, a daughter, weight 6 lbs. 6 oz., on February 23.

To Arthur Bruno, Inspection, and Mrs. Bruno, a daughter, at Whitinsville Hospital on February 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Corkum, a daughter, at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sebouh Kalousdian, a daughter, Melanie Ann.

To Cyril Griffiths, Department 405, and Mrs. Griffiths, a son, James Pryee, at Milford Hospital on February 24.

To James Robbins, Spindle Job, and Mrs. Robbins, a daughter, Melanie Barbara, weight 6 lbs. 6 oz., at Woonsoeket Hospital on February 29.

To William Demague, Department 430, and Mrs. Demague, formerly of Department 489, a daughter, Cynthia Jean, on February 22.

Marriages and Engagements

Virginia Kenyon, Methods, and Kenneth Merrill of Sutton were married in Douglas on Saturday, March 10.

Andrew Fitzgerald, Engineering, and Gloria Frabotta, Main Office, were married at the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, on April 14.

Sally Mantashigian, Main Office, and Ardashes Nahabedian of Pawtucket were married at Vartanantz's Church, Providenee on April 8.

The engagement of Joy Varteresian, Repair Department, to Jack Kelliher, Department 426, has been announced.

The engagement of Claire Vereneaux of Hartford to Roland Tardie, formerly of Department 405, has been announced.

The engagement of Louise McDonald of Newton, Mass. to Paul L. Poulin of Department 448A, has been announced. A Fall wedding is planned.

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

John Ellerton

Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Arsene Racicot on the death of his brother-in-law, Edwin Libby, in Brunswick, Maine.

Family and friends of Mrs. Anna Colby.

Friends and relatives of Mr. Carl Sandberg.

Survivors and friends of Mrs. Delia Aldrich.

Harry Ludvigson on the death of his brother Edward in St. Petersburg, Florida, on March 9.

Friends and relatives of Wilfred Whitney of the Wood Pattern Job.

Julia McMullen, Maurice J. Murray and Howard Murray on the death of their mother.

Stanley Chudy on the death of his brother Frank on February 22.

Edward St. Jean on the death of his mother, Mrs. Helen St. Jean, on February 19.

Joseph Bedard, Department 439, on the death of his mother.

Friends and survivors of Delbert McGaughey, 69, retired Whitin Machine Works guard, who died recently at his home at Williard Place, Mendon Road, Uxbridge.

Family and friends of A. Norman White, 55, of 43 Overlook Street, who died in Worcester on March 18. A native of Whitinsville, he was for 35 years a Supervisor in Department 436.

Relatives and friends of Patrick J. Goggins, 71, who died in Whitinsville on March 1.

James Houghton, Department 442, on the recent death of his mother.

Donat Lariviere on the death of his father.

George Drolet on the death of his brother and of his mother-in-law.

Donald Mullen on the death of his father.

Robert Blackburn on the death of his father.

Friends and family of Orrie M. Jacobs, 70, of 62 Border Street, Whitinsville, a retired Whitin employee who died February 23. He was employed by Whitin for forty-three years.

Survivors and friends of Philias Manseau, 69, a retired employee who died in Milford Hospital on February 12.

Federal Help or 'Do-It-Ourselves'?

YESTERDAY they may not have been able to tell a drill chuck from a screwdriver, but today millions of Americans are making or repairing everything their home tools will handle.

While it may appear to be a new development, the "do-it-yourself" idea is not really new in this country. It is deeply rooted. "Do-it-yourself" is simply another outlet for the same kinds of traits that enabled the pioneers to build a new nation out of an unknown wilderness: self-reliance ... resourcefulness.

IN some ways, the "do-it-yourself" spirit has been smothered by "let government do it." There has been a trend toward looking to Washington for whatever we needed. We've turned to federal government for all sorts of economic help; for aid in our local community needs.

When we invite Washington to take over our responsibilities, we invite it to take control, too. The "do-it-yourself" spirit is still very much alive in America. But we need to put it to work in our own public and community affairs.

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Firemen Fetec

After a delicious dinner the firemen were invited to the west end of the Cafeteria where they relaxed and enjoyed four vaudeville acts by professional entertainers

Charles Manna, Master of Ceremonies, one of the best

Everyone enjoyed the popular songs by the attractive and talented Hamptan Sisters

BY BOARD OF ENGINEERS

THE THREE COMPANIES of the Whitinsville Fire Department were guests of their Board of Engineers at an annual banquet in the Cafeteria on the evening of April 3. After a superb tenderloin beef dinner, Chief Philip B. Walker expressed the sentiments of the firemen when he spoke of his deep regret that Mr. Swift could not be present because of illness. It was voted that a telegram be sent to Mr. Swift extending the greetings of the department and wishing him a rapid and complete recovery.

Chief Walker then paid tribute to the senior members for their long and faithful service to the department: E. Kent Swift, Sr., 51 years; Ralph E. Lincoln, 51 years; Sydney R. Mason, 46 years; Leland A. Hemenway, 35 years; and Merwin F. Brown, 34 years. In conclusion, Chief Walker thanked the Board of Engineers for the new uniform hats and badges which will be worn by the members of the department when they conduct fire inspection of the dwellings in the town.

Mr. Bolton, in a brief after-dinner speech, regretted that Mr. Swift was unable to attend the banquet but was happy to report that Mr. Swift was making a remarkable recovery. Mr. Bolton next congratulated the firemen on their esprit de corps and lauded them for their sincere interest in the welfare of the community.

Professional entertainers, with exceptional talent, concluded the program. The evening was pronounced a success and the thanks of the firemen go to the Board of Engineers.

The way Valentine the Magician made cacktails appear and disappear wauld have made even a bartender dizzy

Specialty dancers Rally and Bonnie Pickert have performed an the Ed Sullivan Show. Dancing on stilts was one of their most omusing acts

Freight House Wins Bowling Championship

BY HENRY CRAWFORD

John H. Cunningham presented the league trophy to Richard O'Rouke, captai
of the Planer Job team

THE Shop Bowling League successfully concluded its season with a delicious steak and turkey dinner at Treasure Island, Webster, on the evening of April 4.

For the first time since the Shop Bowling League was organized, the "Shaughnessy System" was used in the roll-offs to determine the championship. The fact that the first four places were not settled until the last match, and with eight of the ten teams having a chance to win a cash prize, intense interest was maintained throughout the entire schedule.

The Planer job won first place without too much difficulty, but as so often happens in a roll-off, were knocked off by the Freight House. Third place went to the Repair Department and fourth to the Electricians.

High team totals were hit by the Freight Office with 1619, the Planer Job with 1606 and the Spinning Job with 1604. The Freight House had the high team string with 581, followed by the Planers with 474 and the Repair Department with 561. Chick Gagnon showed the way in the individual totals with a three string total of 387 and a single of 158. The High Individual Average went to Phil Rae with Chick Gagnon and Adam Davidson close behind him.

Due to the rules which prohibit a team from winnin more than one trophy and one cash prize, and an indi vidual bowler one cash prize, forty-nine of the sixt bowlers won a cash award.

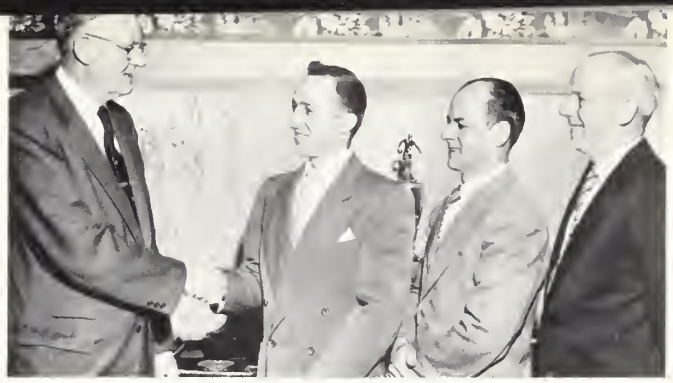
The "Magill Trophy" was awarded to Jack Gilchrist This consisted of two packages of loose tobacco, cigarette rolling machine and the necessary paper.

Guests present were Erik Pierson, Works Manager

Erik Pierson presented the individual traphies to the Rall-Off Champions, the Freight House: Erik Pierson, Warks Manager; Victar Gervais, Chester Janes, Newell Wallace, Ted Wilga, Dick Benner and Clarence Bisson, Capt.

The League Winners were presented individual traphies by Frank N. Stor Personnel Directar: From the left: Frank N. Stone, Richard O'Rauke, Narm Burraughs, Armand Gagnan, Andrew Fitzgerald, Henry Haule and Walter Du

Right: Henry S. Crawford, President of the Bowling League, congratulates Phil Rae, High Individual Average; Armand Gagnon, 2nd High Individual Average; and Adam Davidson, 3rd High Individual Average



Left center: Seated from the left are Ralph Nolet, Ted Wilga, George Berghuis, Andy Fitzgerald, Paul Godbout, Al Couture, Con Roy, John Steele, Chet Flinton, John Onanian, Gordon Rattray, Bob Shaw, Bob English, Jack Gilchrist, Phil Rae, Sidney DeJong, Larry Gamelin

John H. Cunningham, Superintendent and Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director. All three were in rare form when it came to presenting the various awards, but as usual Jack Cunningham stole the show. We say "thank you" again to Jack for donating the trophies awarded to the winning team. Next year Jack plans to donate a trophy to the man with the lowest average.

Looking forward to next year, if two or three of the teams can come up with one strong bowler the competition should be even keener than it was this year.

ight center: Seated from the left are Bill killen, Henry Houle, Norm Burroughs, Chick Gagnon, Walt Duso, Dick O'Rouke, George spinwall, Don White, Tom Queenan, Joe oche, Chet Jones, Angus Parker, Francis Forsythe, Sidney Frieswyk

ight: Seated from the left are Lou Lucier, oy Burroughs, Ren Yeo, Pete Bedrosian, awrence Keeler, Mike Marker, Andy Magill, ick Benner, Vic Gervais, Bernie Gervais, rancis Snay, Dick Cunningham, Henry Cant, ick Mombourquette, Adam Davidson, John Cunningham, Harry Cornell, Bill Hall

Right: Plow clearing driveway of Walter Robb's home on Hill Street

Twin Blizzards

Above: The residence of Max Thompson on Hill Street

Below: The home of Leonard White at Northbridge Center

Side entrance of the Main Office

Left: Front entrance of the Main Office

REAL HUMDINGERS

According to available records, the two snow storms of Friday, March 16 and Monday, March 19, were the worst in modern history. Whitinsville was blanketed with 29½″ of snow. Concerned about the safety of its employees, because of the condition of the highways, the Whitin Machine Works, for the first time in its history because of snow, closed down its production departments Monday afternoon.

Before the town recovered from the staggering blow of the two storms, an additional 11″ fell on Saturday, March 24. The total snowfall in Whitinsville for the three storms was 40¼″.

Storms later in the month deposited 10 or more inches of snow making the total fall for the month of March 50¼″.

The photographs shown on these pages were taken Tuesday, March 20.

The day after the twin storms the snow was piled high at the residence of Bernard Clough, Cottage Street

Church Street plowed out and almost back to normal

Snow buries automobile at the residence of Dr. Roberts on Church Street

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NO "DEAD CERT" IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

FLASHING DOWN THE HOMESTRETCH, the favorite streaks past the finish pole, ahead by a dozen lengths. The "dead cert," as our British friends call a sure winner, is in. There may be—in horse racing—such a thing as a sure winner. But the only sure thing in American business is that in the competitive race to win the customer's dollar, there is no finish pole. The race goes on and on.

Nobody can "guarantee" a company's earnings. Future sales and profits are not a certainty. Jobs . . . wages . . . profits . . . don't come from guarantees, but from constant product improvement and market study, hard selling, investment in better tools and methods—above all, from productive teamwork. These all add up to a bright prospect for future security and progress, but not to a "dead cert."

FRONT COVER: When this picture was taken it was a double thrill for young David T. Judson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Judson, 9 High Street, Whitinsville. David not only had an opportunity to get behind the wheel of a fire engine but also wore his father's new fireman's uniform hat. These hats, gift of the Board of Engineers, will be worn by department members during the fire inspection of dwellings.

Whitin Personality

"WHEN the chips are down, James Edward Orrell, Design Engineer, is a man who can be depended upon to come through," say his associates. His background and knowledge have been significant contributions to the success of Whitin machinery producing synthetic fibers. His associates regard him as a reliable leader and a constant source of information and advice.

Jim, who is patient and even-tempered, was born in Whitinsville on September 15, 1901. After attending the local primary and secondary schools, his constant search for knowledge led him to the Worcester branch of Northeastern University, where he took several specialized courses at night school.

Jim's first association with Whitin was in 1917 as a machinist. After attending the Whitin Apprentice School for two years he was graduated in 1921. Since then, he has capably filled positions as a draftsman and machine designer on Whitin Worsted machinery.

During World War II, Jim was liaison engineer between Whitin and Sturtevant Steam Engines, Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Later he worked in the Superintendent's office where he was in charge of steam turbines and acted as the liaison between Whitin and General Electric Company.

In 1942, he left Whitin and became Director, Secretary, and Assistant Manager of the MacNichol Packing Company, Eastport, Maine.

Jim's home is at 15 Elm Place, Whitinsville, where he lives with Mrs. Orrell and their three sons: Patrick, 8 years old; Stephen, 19, who attends St. Francis College, Biddeford, Maine; and David, 21, who attends Worcester Art Museum School.

Mrs. Orrell is originally from Eastport, Maine. She and Jim were married in 1931, and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Through the years, Jim's leisure hours have been spent fishing and hunting, especially while living in Maine. He is a member of the Whitin Golf Club.

'he number three building and the passageway to it across the Mumford River were the only major buildings erected from 1865 to 1883. This drawing which shows the plant in 1889 also shows the 1888 extension, which measured 65′ x 80′, on the Foundry

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A Great Textile Tradition

CHAPTER V

Under the guiding hand of John C. Whitin, the basic policies of the Company were established and many of the buildings we now use were erected. In the ten years covered by this chapter, a less obvious but equally important growth was taking place quietly within the Company's stout red brick walls.

An outstanding characteristic of he Whitin Machine Works has been the ability to veather depressions that have forced less ably financed nd directed companies into bankruptcy. This was vident during the depressions of the 1870's and 1880's. n spite of the fluctuations in orders and in business enerally, through astute management the Company as always maintained an excellent financial condition nd rating, and has thus assured the continuity of the nterprise and the gainful jobs which it provides.

In the year 1874 the Company, from profits accunulated during prior years, had declared a dividend f 50 per cent. Quite apart from his interest in the nachinery business, in 1877 John C. Whitin could onsider himself a wealthy man.

It was also characteristic of John that, in his declining ears, he should continue to show an interest in the welfare of the people of Whitinsville and should continue to protect his skilled labor. It is commonly known that during one of those depressions John hired laid-off Whitin employees to build the great stone walls around Castle Hill Farm providing for them gainful employment which otherwise would have been denied them because of general business conditions. There also is evidence that Memorial Hall was built partly to provide laid-off Whitin employees with a livelihood.

This building, erected on the site of the Betsey Whitin homestead, was first used on March 4, 1878, for the high school graduation exercises. In the graduating class there were fourteen seniors and two "advanced students"; Adelia F. White delivered the valedictory; Margaret M. Thurston, the class prophecy. It was not until February 8, 1882 that the building was given by the Shop to the Town as a memorial. At this time, as

before and since, there was close relationship between the Company and the Town, for the people who live in Whitinsville and those who work in the Plant are an essential part of the Whitin story of success.

Meanwhile, Josiah Lasell was busily handling the affairs of the Whitin Machine Works. As treasurer of the company since its incorporation, he was the principal active officer of the Company under President John C. Whitin. In 1882, upon the death of Mr. John C. Whitin, Josiah took over the presidency of the Company in addition to his duties as treasurer.

History fails to do full justice to the character and contributions of Josiah Lasell, perhaps because, to some degree, his own career coincided with the latter years of John C. Whitin's career. It seems that Josiah Lasell's contributions became overshadowed by Mr. Whitin's pre-eminence. It is even more probable that this situation would meet with Josiah's approval, for he was a quiet gentleman. A financier rather than a manufacturer, during the depression years "Lasell instituted major revisions in nearly all the company's time-honored selling policies." The pressure of circumstances forced him into a partial conversion to a hard-fisted, tough-minded business policy in which he stimulated business through price-cutting, engaged in aggressive promotional campaigns, and issued the first Whitin catalogues. All in all, he did a remarkably fine job in piloting the Company through a series of depressions while always conducting business transactions in the code of strictest honor.

Meanwhile there were changes within the manufacturing departments. While Lasell was revising the selling policies, Taft was improving the manufacturing techniques of the Company. The depression created both a demand for better products and better methods of production. By 1877, the water power had been increased from 10 horsepower to 375 horsepower by the use of reservoirs and the replacement of breast wheels with water turbines. These in turn were supplemented by the introduction of electrical power. (See Whitin SPINDLE, April 1948.)

In 1882–1883 new buildings were constructed. The principal new building was the Number 3 shop, a brick structure 386 x 86 feet, built between the river and the Douglas road. (This building now houses the carpenter shop, woodworking departments and several other manufacturing units.) While the rest of the Shop was still lighted by gas, this new building was lighted by electric lamps of the carbon-arc type. At the same time sheds were built for the storage of lumber.

One of the most revolutionary developments in the textile industry was the development and introduction of "high-speed" spindles at that time. While this was later to involve Whitin in litigation, by 1883, Gustavus E. Taft and Henry F. Woodmancy, head of Whitin's

From the earliest beginnings, the people of Whitinsville have been religious, for the separations from Mendon and Uxbridge were brought about by the question of the location of the Congregational Church. Those who came later were equally religious. This, the original St. Patrick's Church, was built of wood on Cross Street in 1870. In 1897 the building was moved to make room for the present brick and terra cotta structure

Spindle Department, had perfected the Whitin Gravity Spindle. This spindle, which had a bolster with close tolerances, tended to adjust its rotational center to "any change in the center of gravity caused by an inequality of bobbin or yarn load." This Whitin spindle was the forerunner of our top-quality spindles of today.

Interestingly, this expansion of plant and development of a new product were made at a time when both Lasell and Taft were in poor health. It became apparent that new and younger men would have to be called on to lead the enterprise and maintain its growth. Again it was a son-in-law who was trained to carry on. On October 1, 1878, Catherine Whitin Lasell was married to George Marston Whitin in a wedding that was comparable to that of John C. Whitin's daughter Jane (Jenny). There are indications that the aged John C. Whitin recognized in George Marston a promising young man, for in 1882 he was made one of the directors of the Company and by 1883 was the second officer of the Plant.

In 1881 the Whitinsville Social Library had 1,113 subscribers. During this decade, as it had since 1847, the stage still carried the mails between East Douglas and Whitin's Station. At this time the driver was the veteran L. B. Carr. During the 1880's there were organized in Whitinsville a host of secret fraternal orders, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The "second" depression reached its lowest point in 1885 and the Town had a heavy relief bill, especially for widows, who, in normal times, could have supported themselves and their young children by furnishing board and lodging for Whitin employees at modest weekly rates. Vagrants wandered the roads in search of work, and the Town arranged to have them given

Built in 1875 on Linwood Avenue, the first Methodist Church was dedicated October 22 of that year. Here the society worshipped for thirty-five years until the building was destroyed by a fire on February 27, 1910

The first church edifice of the United Presbyterian Church stood on the site of the present building on Cottage Street and was dedicated February 15, 1882. The original building, enlarged in 1895, was razed in 1914

food and overnight lodging at 30c each. By 1886 business conditions began to improve slowly.

In 1886 the graduating exercises of Northbridge High were held at Memorial Hall on Monday evening, March 22. Four students received diplomas. The valedictory, together with a history of the high school, was delivered by Mary Isabelle Crichton.

Tied with pink ribbon and written in a girlish hand, the original of her speech has been preserved. She traced the growth of the school from its founding in 1866. The first class—Hattie Hayward, Nellie Andros, and Ella F. Aldrich—was graduated in 1867. The first teachers were men, and she listed Streeter of Brown, Cowburn of Amherst, Goldthwaite of Harvard, Nason of Colby, Leonard of Dartmouth, Emery, Hill, and Frost of Bowdoin, Clay of Dartmouth, and Brown of the Rhode Island Normal School.

The School Committee, as usual, was worried about the younger generation. In their report they said, "the use of tobacco by children of school age produces upon them more injury than alcohol . . . Smoking should not be allowed on school premises."

On Sunday, March 14, 1886, Josiah Lasell, as usual, walked home from Church. Shortly afterwards he complained of a pain in his chest. He died the next day. With the passing of two such stalwart leaders as John C. Whitin and Josiah Lasell, the destiny of the Whitin Machine Works was in the hands of men who, though young in years, faced boldly the challenge of the future.

Below: And this is Church Street in 1876, shown in the days before paved roads and concrete sidewalks. Photo taken from First Congregational Church

Above: To this building, now used by an Armenian Club on Post Street, the Whitinsville Post Office moved on April 4, 1886. The building was then located at the corner of Main and Forest Streets where the Cafeteria now stands. For 25 years the first Whitinsville Post Office was located in the Gibbs Store, later known as the H. H. Dudley Store. On April 3, 1907, the Post Office was moved from the building shown above and relocated in the Bank Building

SIDELIGHTS

On the Life and Times of 1877-1886

(Excerpts from the "Massachusetts Spy." Courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.)

WHITINSVILLE.

At the meeting of the Boston Presbytery, which met with the U. P. Church here, Rev. J. E. Mackey, pastor, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent of Missions and Financial Agent, Rev. J. H. Trumbull of Fall River; Superintendent of Sunday Schools, Rev. J. C. Mackey of this village. The following were chosen delegates to the general assembly in St. Louis, May 28: Rev. Philip Y. Smith of Wilkinsonville, principal, and Rev. John Hood of Boston, alternate; Elders Wm. Conway of Boston, principal, Peter Ferguson of Fall River, alternate

Mrs. Sarah, widow of the late Hon. Paul Whitin, died Wednesday, after a long illness. She was 83 years old, and only survived her husband about two months. She was a sister of the wife of Rev. Mr. Halliday, assistant to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. She was a member of the Congregational Church and leaves two sons, Hon. Charles E. Whitin and Henry of New York, and two daughters, Mrs. Orvis, who resides at the south, and Miss Anna, who resides at home.

GLADSTONE.

It is the fashion for newspapers, American and British, to disparage Mr. Gladstone. It is admitted that as a parliamentary orator he is unequalled, and that his mastery of questions of national finance has not been approached by any statesman of this generation nor surpassed by those of any former age. But it is said that he is infirm of purpose, vacillating, unable to conceive or adhere to a definite and consistent foreign policy, lacking in that high spirit and steadfast courage with which a great statesman should confront the menaces or intrigues of foreign powers. In these days of Britain's perplexity, and perhaps peril, these comners of Gladstone say that he is lamentably unequal to the task he has taken upon himself, and that Britain needs a Palmerston or a Disraeli.

LATEST MARKETS.

Worcester Household Market—For the ending Feb. 2, 1881.

Florida Oranges now vary in price from 60c ℔ dozen. The very best average about Fine Dates sell at 18@20c ℔ ℔ and Figs at 2(

Flour remains the same, and there are no ch in the fish and meat markets.

Game is very scarce, but can be obtaine limited extent.

Eggs have dropped to 32@35c.

The price list follows:

For Meats the market prices are as fol Steaks, rump, loins and best roasting piece ℔ ℔; round 16@18c ℔ ℔; rib roast 16@20c Corned Beef 10@14c for best pieces and 5 coarse. Lamb—hind quarters, 18@20c; for @15c. Veal steaks 25c, cutlets 15@20c. F Fresh 14c, salt 14c; Sausage 14c; Lard 16c; Ham 20@23c; Whole Hams 13@14c. Tripe— 12c, honey-comb 14c, Legs of Mutton 20c, 12c, loins 16@17c. Dried Beef 25c. Liv Fowls 20c; Spring Chickens 20@22c ℔ ℔; ridges 40c each; Squirrels 20c each; Rabbit each; Quail 25c each; Duck, wild, 50@75c tame 20c ℔ ℔. Turkey 22@24c ℔ ℔.

Fish.—Salmon, salt, 15c ℔ ℔; smoked canned 15@30c. Providence River Oysters 4 Cod steak 12c ℔ ℔; Market Cod 10c; Haddo Halibut, fresh, 20@25c; smoked 15c; Lobste ℔ ℔; Quahogs 50c ℔ peck. Salt fish, bo 10c ℔ ℔, plain 8c; Clams 40c ℔ peck; w shells 20c quart; Scallops 35c ℔ qt.; white fi ℔ ℔; smelts 15c ℔; pickerel 20c ℔; fresh pouts 20c ℔.

Vegetables—Beets 30 cents ℔ peck; Cal 2 cents ℔ ℔; Turnips 20c ℔ peck. Potato ℔ peck, or $1.25@1.30 ℔ bush; Squash, M 5c ℔ ℔, Hubbard 5c ℔ ℔; Carrots 6c ℔ Spinach 25c ℔ peck; Onions 8c ℔ quart. peck; Celery 18@25c ℔ bunch. Lettuce bunch. Radishes 12@15c ℔ bunch.

Flour and Grain—Haxall $9.25 to ℔ barrel, St. Louis $8.00@9.00, Michigan @8.00 ℔ bbl. Grain—Meal $1.50@1.55, $1.20@1.25. middlings $1.35@1.40 ℔ cwt. $1.65, and oats $1.20 to $1.25 ℔ bag. India 2½c ℔ ℔, rye meal 3c, oat meal 5c.

Butter—Best Lump for table use, 38 ℔ ℔; Ordinary Lump 30 to 35c ℔ ℔. The er grades for cooking purposes sell at 30c

Eggs—Best farmers' 32@35c ℔ doz.; Bo Western, 28c.

Teas—Oolong 40 to 80c ℔ ℔, Japan 25 English breakfast 50c to 75c.

Coffee—Java 25 to 33c ℔ ℔, Mocha 3 20c. Cocoa 40@58c ℔, Broma 45c, Chocol 38c, Shells 8@10c. Tapioca 8c ℔, Rice Corn Starch 9c ℔.

Sugar—Granulated 10½c ℔ ℔, brown extra C 10c, loaf 12c, powdered 12c.

Spices—Cloves 10@15c ℔ quarter; Cass 15c; Allspice 8c; Nutmegs 25@30c; Pep Ginger 5@8c ℔ quarter.

Canned Goods—Tomatoes 15c ℔ can, 15c, corn 15c; beans 18c; peaches 20 to 40 30c ℔ can.

Dried Fruits—Apple, evaporated, 18@2 prunes 15@25c ℔ ℔; currants 8c, cho raisins, 10@20c.

Nuts—Almonds 22c ℔ ℔, soft shell 40c, walnuts 20c, Brazil nuts 15c, pecans 15c, 15c, shagbarks 8@12c ℔ qt.

Small Fruits—Lemons 25c doz. App qt., 50c peck, $2.50@$4 ℔ bbl. Oranges— 25@35c doz.; Florida 50c ℔ doz. Lemons rated according to quality and condition; $7@$10 ℔ box; Messina $5.00 to $8.00 both sell at 30@35c doz. Dates 18@20c ℔ 20c ℔ ℔.

Coal and Wood.—Prices firm in coal b ing in wood. The prices follow: Franklin ton, stove $7.50, egg and broken $7, ches bituminous $7.50. Hard wood, $7 cord; $5@5.50; Pine, $5; Limbs, $4; Cut Piece baskets of chestnut $1, 7 to 10 baskets 6 to 8 baskets hard $1, 7 baskets of mix

Hay and Straw.—Prices are good. G ity Hay commands $22 to $24 ℔ ton; Mea $10 ℔ ton; Baled Hay $20@$23 ℔ ton. R

A Great Snow Storm.

The snow storm which began the last day of January continued with unabated fury throughout the night and the next forenoon before its force seemed to be spent, and it is pretty safe to say fifteen or eighteen inches of snow fell during the time. It did not all fall on a level, however, for the wind blew a gale all of the time, and drifts six and even eight feet deep were not uncommon. Those who had occasion to be out Thursday night say it was the severest storm for several years, and the "young uns" think they never saw its equal. The streets presented a queer sight, huge drifts of snow blocking one side of the way, and spots as bare as the sides of a board fence showing places on the other side where the wind blew during the night. Wheels were out of the question, and everybody who was obliged to be out with a horse had him attached to a sleigh. Locomotion was tedious in the most favored places, and the market and milkmen were all late in making their usual calls. The highway department had its hands full breaking out streets and roads.

Indian Troubles.

ROBINSON, Neb., Jan. 10.—The hostile nes, imprisoned here since last October, been informed a few days ago that they be taken back to their agency in Indian y, determined to die rather than consent a movement. Fearing an attempt to es- e post commander placed a strong guard eir prison room. Last night the savages l through the windows of the prison nd made for the prairie, which is thickly with snow, firing on the guard from re- they had concealed since their capture, angerously wounding four of the guard, m one has died and another is not ex- to survive. The main guard rushed out, eing the fleeing hostiles running for the immediately followed, and, reopening ot and killed over forty savages. Over the cavalry, mounted and dismounted, l in pursuit.

YELLOW FEVER IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Surgeon Main of the marine hospital service, writing from Brownsville, Texas, under date of Oct. 14, gives a detailed account of the ravages of yellow fever in Mexico. He says that at Mazatlan the fever is still doing its worst. Up to the 8th inst. there had been 521 deaths at that place. In the state of Jaliseo, at the towns of Coraeo and Onalian 3000 persons fell victims to yellow fever, and the mortality in 92 days reached 381. Surgeon Main reports that the fever is traveling north and west, and says there is danger of its creeping into Arizona and upper California.

COUNTY NEWS.

Fitchburg had but two deaths last week.

Holden had 46 births, 44 deaths, and 18 marriages last year.

Murphy's lieutenants began work in Fitchburg Tuesday.

Mrs. M. A. Richardson has been appointed postmaster at Douglas.

William H. Blanchard lectures on "South America," at Whitinsville, the 18th.

The Whitin Machine Works are making 150 new looms for the Clinton mill, Woonsocket.

Templeton had 54 births, 16 marriages and 46 deaths, last year.

Professor Stockbridge of Amherst lectures on "Chemistry as applied to agriculture," at Westboro, Feb. 22d.

DEATH OF A VETERAN WOMAN SOLDIER.

[From the Philadelphia Ledger.]

Mrs. Elizabeth Hatzler, who died in this city on the 1st inst., was a veteran of the Franco-Russian war of 1812. She was born in 1790 at Landau, then in the possession of France. In 1810 she was married to George Hatzler, a sergeant of cavalry in the French army. Scarcely had their honeymoon passed when her husband received orders to join the memorable expedition against Russia, and she, unwilling to part from him, determined to go also. Her hair was cut short and the female apparel changed for a soldier's uniform, and thus disguised she passed through the whole campaign, riding by the side of her husband. She was present at all the principal battles and at the burning of Moscow. Through the promotion of her husband to the rank of a staff officer she had frequent opportunities to see the great emperor, and on several occasions conversed with him. Her husband having been injured by an accident, they became separated from the main body of the army, and for nine weeks she dragged him on a hand sledge over the frozen ground. A guide's treachery delivered them into the hands of Cossacks, and they were held prisoners for 19 months. Being exchanged at last, they gained their army, and were in time to undergo all the sufferings and privations of the disastrous retreat, which almost annihilated Napoleon's forces. Through all these vicissitudes her sex remained undiscovered. In 1846 she emigrated to this country, and lived for 12 years in Fort Delaware while it was being built by Major Sanders. Up to the the time of her death she retained full use of all her faculties, and never had need even of spectacles.

READING ROOM FOR TRAMPS.—A little better class of the tramps, but thorough tramps nevertheless, habitually haunt the reading rooms at the Cooper Institute and Astor Library. They strive to wear some semblance of shabby gentility, shave themselves with razors which they carry carefully in their pockets all the time, wash their faces and hands occasionally, and are seldom seen without paper collars, even if their coats are pinned tightly over their breasts to hide the absence of shirts, and their pantaloons are held together by hundreds of pins. They do not frequent those places to read, but to have in the open books before them excuses to sit in a warm place. It is really wonderful how well a soundly sleeping bummer will simulate wakefulness. A lot of them used to frequent Mat Gooderson's in olden times, and sit about the stove to snooze, which annoyed the proprietor to such an extent that he took the chairs away. Then they would lean up against the wall and sleep standing. Determined to put a stop to their slumbers, he made a regulation that every one of them should hold a paper up before him as if he were reading, whether he could read or not, and if one went to sleep and dropped his paper he should be expelled. They speedily adapted themselves to circumstances, and learned to sleep standing, holding the paper up mechanically all the time. Then he required that they should keep one foot moving constantly to show that they were awake. Even that did not trouble them. They would stand up, hold the paper, wag one foot steadily, and still sleep soundly, and some of them, it is averred, acquired such practice in the art of deception that they could even do all this and sleep, with their eyes wide open.—*New York Times.*

While on his way to the commencement exercises at Williams College, James Abram Garfield, 20th President of the United States, was shot in Washington railroad station on July 2, 1881, by Charles J. Guiteau. The President died September 19, 1881

THE AMERICAN SCENE . . . . . Our Nation, 1877-1886

Yes, this was the era of real cowboys—not the romantic imitations of Hollywood or of the comic books, but tough, sun-tanned men who wrote a colorful page in the history of the nation. In their wake came gunmen, cardsharps, and dance hall girls. Yet even then, when the West was still young, the Whitin Machine Works was a thriving enterprise.

Soaring across the East River, the Brooklyn Bridge was opened to the public May 24, 1883. The 1595½ foot span, designed by John A. Roebling, was for twenty years the longest suspension bridge in the world

rom Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty gave hundreds f thousands of immigrants their first glimpse of their new homeland. The 450,000 statue, the gift of the French people, is the work of Frederic Auguste artheldi. The combined height of pedestal and statue is 305½ feet, the ornerstone was laid August 5, 1884, and the statue was unveiled October 28, 1886

At the close of the Civil War, hun-treds of thousands of lean Texas longhorns grazed on he limitless grasses north of the Rio Grande. Wild s deer and quick as lightning, with blue-white horns ften measuring six feet from tip to tip, these cattle n their home ranges were each worth less than a dollar. cross the Red River to the north, between the Missouri nd the Rockies, and stretching as far north as Sas-atchewan, was an area of long luscious grasses on hich cattle could fatten. Fattened on these grasses nd delivered to the railroad, the cattle were worth wenty dollars each.

Soon longhorns by the hundreds of thousands were ouring toward the railroads across Red River, the ndian Nations, the Staked Plains, No Man's Land, over rails a thousand and two thousand miles long from very part of Texas—the Gulf Coast, the Rio Grande, he Nueces, the Frio, the Colorado, the Brazos. In ll, over six million longhorns went up over the Chis-olm, the Goodnight, and other trails, their destinations ough, tough cow towns. Abilene, Newton, Caldwell, Ellsworth, Hays City, Ogallallah, Dodge City lived in succession their hour as trail end capitals.

These cattle were rounded up, branded, and driven by the cowboy, a man who developed his own lingo, folklore, customs, and dress. "His high-horned Mexican saddle, lariat, broad-rimmed sombrero, high-heeled boots, and shaggy chaparajos were perfectly adapted to his work. His jangling spurs with their enormous rowels were not too severe for his bronco—vicious little mustang of Spanish origin, hardy as a donkey and fleet as an Arab. The clownish posturing of film heroes has obscured the authentic cowboy: spare of frame and pithy of speech, reserved and courteous as the true gentleman that he was, yet with the cavalier's eternal swagger; alert with the sort of courage needed to fight Indians and bad men, to break broncos and rope steers, or to deal with stampedes and prairie fires; enduring and uncomplaining, asking no better end than to die with his boots on. Finest of our frontier types, he flourished for a brief score of years, and faded into legend with the passing of the open range."

There were gun men, too, both good and bad, for in those days in the West a man was hanged for stealing a horse but respected for killing a man, provided he gave his victim a chance to go for his own weapon. Many a New England police chief wrote in the police records of the era the letters GTT, standing for "gone to Texas," after the name of some hardened character. Curiously all the noted killers—Wild Bill Hickok, Ben

A traveling photographer took the only known picture of William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid. The Kid's friends claimed the picture made him "appear too rough." Left-handed Billy the Kid, last and most famous of the gunmen of the southwest, killed twenty-one men, not counting Mexicans and Indians, in his twenty-one years, yet the girls cried when he went down with his .41 caliber double action revolver in his hand in July, 1880. His nemesis was the weather-beaten old buffalo hunter, Sheriff Pat Garrett

Thompson, King Fisher, Henry Plummer, Clay Allison, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Frank and Jesse James, the Youngers, the Daltons, and Billy the Kid—were blue-eyed. The list of others is long, but there was not a pair of brown eyes among them.

While in the earlier years of our country the grand political passions of the times had called able men into politics, in the decades immediately following the Civil War men of outstanding ability were more apt to be attracted by business. There were great fortunes to be earned and industrial empires to be won. As a result, the political history of 1877–1886 is a dreary chapter. Let us pass over it quickly.

Hayes was succeeded by Garfield who was assassinated by a disappointed office-seeker. Arthur assumed office and, to the surprise of many, proved rather an honest man before he in turn was replaced by Cleveland. The 1884 presidential campaign, between the austere, unbending, ungenial Cleveland and the smooth-talking Blaine, was the dirtiest on record.

During this period the normal constitutional relationship between the president and congress was restored, the decrepit navy, then weaker than that of Chile, was slightly improved, and minor improvements were made in Civil Service reform. The half-million members of the GAR raised havoc when Cleveland appointed a former Confederate, General Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, as Secretary of the Interior.

Although there were a few honest politicians like Hoar of Massachusetts, it was the day of political bosses like Hanna and of spellbinders like Ingersoll. In general, it was a time of labor unrest and depression.

Now both the great fortunes and the depressions were largely due to the over-building of railroads, about one-third of whose capitalization was "water." Between 1870 and 1880 the railroads, by furnishing transportation of goods to market, added over one hundred ninety million acres to the cultivated area of the country. The population was not big enough to consume all the added production and farm prices fell. Between 1866 and 1878 the price of cotton fell from 30c a lb. to 8c a lb.

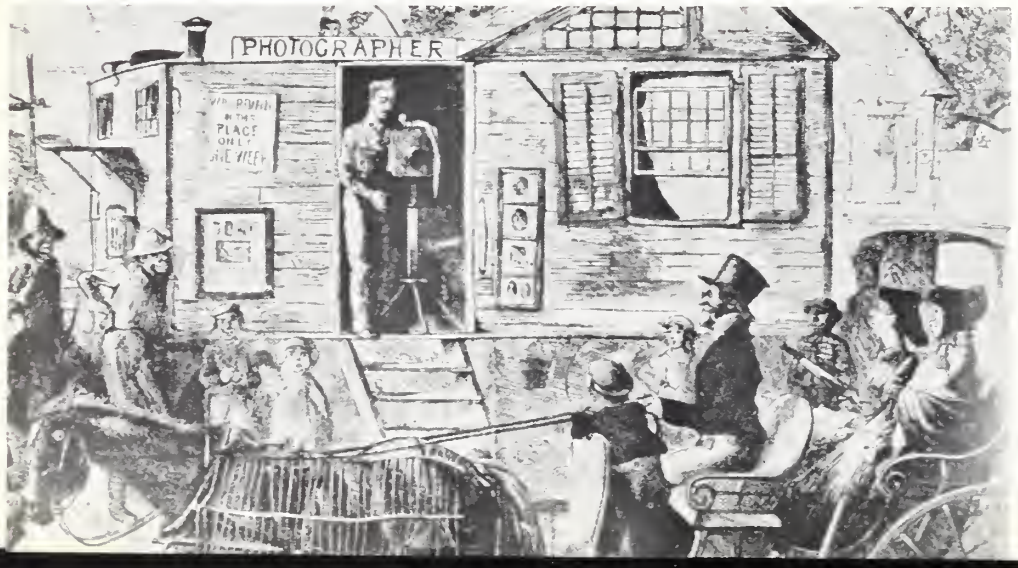
But those who held out were due to prosper, for the country was growing both by native births and by immigration. Thousands of Poles, Italians, Slovenes, Bohemians, Hungarians and others entered the country to further enrich our population with their strengths, skills, and culture. Between 1870 and 1880 the population grew from 38,558,371 to 50,155,783.

It was a time when there was demand for inflation: the Greenback Party had been founded in 1876 and in 1877 "free silver"—unlimited coinage of 90c silver dollars—was a national issue. Another problem was child labor, for the census of 1880 showed 1,118,356 children between the ages of 10 and 15 years employed in manufacturing establishments. Although the depression that started in '73 ended in '78, another depression began in '83 and lasted through '85.

But there were signs of more modern times. Steam had replaced water power in the textile industry, and Fall River had displaced Lowell as the "city of spindles." George Seldon of Rochester, N. Y., was tinkering with a gasoline automobile as early as 1879. By 1880 there were 54,000 telephones in operation. Hard on the heels of John Wanamaker's introduction of the one-price system and money-back guarantee in 1876, in 1879 F. W. Woolworth started the first five-and-ten-cent store. The era of the travelling salesman or "drummer" had arrived.

The present system of keeping time was established in 1883. Prior to that year, almost every city and town in the country operated on its own independent time system, with considerable confusion to the railroads. (One leading minister, not in Whitinsville, was so angry over the change that he pounded his gold watch to pieces in the pulpit.)

Left: During the 1880's the travelling photographer was a common sight. Right: Sara Bernhardt, recognized as the greatest actress of the day by 1879, made her first visit to the United States in 1886



Whitin booth at the New England New Products, New Methods and Patents Exhibit, Boston

New Masterlith Duplicator Exhibited in Boston

The new Whitin Masterlith Duplicator made its first public appearance when it was displayed at the New England New Products, New Methods and Patents Exhibit held in Boston from March 26 to March 29. The Duplicator functioned perfectly all week and attracted a great deal of favorable attention. An attractive four-page pamphlet, which listed the twenty-six exclusive features of the Whitin Masterlith, was produced on the spot by the Duplicator and handed to the spectators as they stood watching the machine in operation. In view of the diversity of new products on exhibit and the corresponding diversity of interest of the people attending, it was a tribute to our machine that it attracted such a large percentage of the visitors.

The show not only enabled the public to see the Duplicator in action, but also provided an excellent opportunity to train our personnel in the handling of the Duplicator at a trade show.

Whitin personnel who were in attendance at the Exhibit were: Mr. R. A. Dooley, Sales Manager; Mr. George F. McRoberts, Advertising Manager; Mr. Rudolph Hertsch; Mr. William St. Laurent; and the Misses Jeannette Morrisseau, Lorraine Levasseur, and Constance Hazebrouck.

The Exhibit, held at the First Corps Cadet Armory, was sponsored by the governors of the six New England states in conjunction with the industrial planning boards and commissions of the several states, the New England Council, and the Smaller Business Association of New England in cooperation with the Department of Commerce and with the U. S. Department of Defense.

New England Governors admire Whitin Duplicator. Upon opening the Show, the six New England Governors and many leading business men toured the hall to mark the official opening ceremony. From the left: Gov. Joseph B. Johnson of Vermont; Gov. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine; Mr. Roger Johnson, Associated Industries of Massachusetts; Mr. R. A. Dooley, Whitin Sales Manager; Miss Constance D. Hazebrouck, Whitin Demonstrator; Hon. Walter Williams, Under-Secretary of Commerce; Gov. Lane Dwinell of New Hampshire; Mr. Richard Preston, Massachusetts Commissioner of Industry and Commerce

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Personality: Theodore Morel, an employee of Whitin since August 15, 1942, was a yardman until 1945 when he was transferred to the Milling Job. Ted, with his wife and six children, makes his home at 354 Paradis Avenue, Woonsocket. As hobbies he does a lot of reading and watches sports on T.V. As for his favorite team in baseball, he rather likes those Yankees.

The newly-formed Married Men's Club of 416 held its first meeting on April 4 and the following officers were elected: Harry Ludvigson, President; Ben Briere, Vice-President; Will Bouchard, Secretary; Russ Palmer, Treasurer; and Will Hugley, Transportation Manager. The main purpose of this club will be to spend as many Sunday afternoons as possible in Boston watching the Red Sox piling up victories over their less capable opponents.

The new timekeeper of the roll stand section is Doris Arcand of 363 Dunlap Street, Woonsocket. She replaced Allan Baldwin. . . . Newcomers on the job are Michael Baghdasarian, formerly of the night shift of Department 439, and Mrs. Rita Lapointe who will work at inspection. Also a hearty welcome to Raymond VanDyke, back with us after a three-month sick leave and to Pasquale Criasia who has returned after two years with General Motors in Framingham. . . . Best wishes to Armand Bernier who left us on April 6 to take a position with Royal Electric Company of Woonsocket.

PLANER AND PUNCH PRESS JOBS

by Ray Woodcome

Julien Thiebault and Leon Dumas have received their 5-year service pins. . . . Stella Stavenski is recuperating from her operation and is well on the road to recovery. Irene Croke is replacing Stella during her absence. . . . Department 414's bowling team was the winner of the season's schedule. The big trophy is now on display in the office. Two more years of victory will keep this cup here permanently. Norm Burroughs says that it is here to stay. . . . The Bowling Banquet was held at Treasure Island, Webster. Dick O'Rourke led a five-car parade home by the way of Connecticut.

E. Kent Swift, Jr.

John H. Bolton, Jr.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS NAMED

At the annual meeting of the Whitin Machine Works, March 19, two new vice presidents were named: E. Kent Swift, Jr., Director of the Research Division, and John H. Bolton, Jr., Manager of the American System Machinery Division. Orrin G. Wood, of the investment firm of Estabrook & Company of Boston, was elected director.

CARD SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Birthday greetings to Charles Hoekstra, Joseph Tero, George Forsythe, and Leo Roberts. . . . Glen Leveille and Edward Guertin have left us. We wish them the best of luck on their new jobs. . . . Joe Gniadek is sporting around in a brand-new Ford. . . . Millie Turgeon is out on leave. We hope to have her back soon . . . Sidney Daubney was transferred on days. It's nice to have him with us. . . . Pfc. Frederick W. Thompson was home on a thirty-day furlough and has returned to his base at Fort Lewis, Washington.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Did you know that "Newky" Wallace was on the championship team for the shop league? . . . That Martha, our stock clerk, was given three little kittens by Nick DiMarco—keeping it in the 408 family she decided to name them, "Cyanide," "Normalize" and "Temper." . . . That Fran has a new fireman's hat and thinks so much of it he even wears it to bed? . . . That Arthur McKane was confined to the hospital again, but is now on the road to recovery? . . . That Andon Asadoorian has 47 years with the W.M.W. and all of them were spent here at 408? . . . That normalize means 20/20 vision. . . . Motung is a Chinese steel. . . . Warpli means no Italians. . . . Temper—that's me . . . and it's "sparta" my job to write this? . . . That Francis found Fat stuff's chicken *does* lay eggs. His wife opened an egg the other day, and lo, and behold there inside was a small white button (besides the white and the yolk) . . . That Chief became a grandfather again? His daughter, Verna Gracci, has a 7 lb. 14 oz. boy. . . . That I've run out of news and want you boys to help a little bit more?!!!!

Those out sick recently were George Emery and Bill Blair. George is back with us once more and looking none the worse, but Bill will be out for awhile yet . . . Birth announcement—Raymond Legassey is a proud pappy!

SPINDLE JOB

by John Visbeck

Miss Florence (Flossie) Hayward visited in Georgia for two weeks in April. . .

Edward Bates seemed to be the only one in the department to observe St. Patrick's Day by donning a flashy green tie. . . . Vice President of our Union, Edward Roukema has had a busy time of late. He attended a wage policy committee meeting in Chicago the first week in April and also spent three days in Boston at the state convention. . . . After the last storm, we wondered why the Jones family shoveled out their driveway and then parked their car across the street.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Birthday greetings go to Louis Roy, Colbert Fontaine, Alice Dionne and Al Pariseau. . . . Al Brothers who put his foot on the wrong ice is back with us after a long, enforced vacation. . . . Louis Dionne has news for us about his three sons. Ernie, an ex-Ring Job boy, has been stationed in Japan for many months. When he comes home he is bringing with him a pretty little Japanese girl, Mrs. Ernest Dionne. Gerard is studying atomic warfare, and Roland is still at Scott A.F.B., Ill.

Chet Clark and Gerard Larochelle are listed as sick at present. Al Chauvin will probably be at work when this issue comes out. . . . The fishing season, flies, and fish stories are with us again. . . . Your reporter's son-in-law had extended an invitation for a cruise on the U.S.S. *Tirante*, a submarine. The trip was postponed until a later date, as this reporter was snowed in.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Frank Greene took a trip up to Rochester, New York to visit his daughter and got caught in one of our week-end storms. His car skidded and went down an embankment and he had to be towed out. It was a cold and expensive trip all around for Frank and his wife. . . . That lovely scent over at 445 can be credited to Don Simmons. He put some of his wife's perfume on thinking he had the after-shave lotion. . . . Lucien Blouin is beginning his 51st year here at W.M.W.—congratulations. . . . Birthday greetings for the month go to Ken Hudson, Charlie Harriman and Marion Larsen. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Young.

YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

April has been an unlucky month for some of the boys: Baldy White is recuperating in the Whitinsville Hospital; Cliff Maynard has been out a few weeks; Charlie Commons had a minor operation which kept him from work for a few weeks. Harold Buxton took over for Charlie Commons. . . . Jack Barrett dropped in to see the boys at the Garage and he sure is streamlined. The gang was glad to see him after an absence of several months.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Having missed last month's column, we're a little late in welcoming some of the new men, but we're happy to have with us Harry Megerdichian, Norman Choiniere, Paul Sweck, Gilles Beauchamp, and George Labbe. Hope they like our department.

Our grateful thanks to Walter Anderburg for taking over timekeeping and Margaret Robinson for taking over the clerical work on such short notice. Both did a wonderful job.

When a lost article is found and turned in to the Security Office, steps are taken to locate the owner
From the left: Claire O'Neill, of the Duplicator Laboratory and Lt. Howard F. Libbey

Lose Something?

According to law "Finders are not necessarily Keepers." Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, any person who finds lost money or other property is required to report the finding to the police officer in charge at a police station in the town.

To facilitate the reporting of the finding of lost money, articles or other property and to assist persons who have lost such property to recover the same, the Company has established a lost and found section in the Plant Security Offices on Forest Street.

The person who loses an article should immediately report the loss to his department head. If the lost article is not promptly recovered, the department head will report the matter to the head of the Security Department. When the article is found it will be returned to its rightful owner upon identification. If the item is not claimed within a three month period it will be returned to the finder at the end of such period.

This is a new procedure for handling lost and found items and it is the hope of the management that the procedure will be of service to Whitin employees.

MYSTERY PHOTO—While the years have brought some changes, on the left is George Hartley of Routing. On the right is a 22-year old soldier who served in England, France and Germany

Andrew Sanborn and Ken Matthews have left the department for other departments. We wish them the best of luck in their new work. . . . Everyone was glad to see Paul Roy and Harry Megerdichian well enough to return to work. . . . A belated wish to Jim Dorsey for his April birthday.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

by Stanley W. Krula

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoekstra of Highland Street, Northbridge, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on March 24, with a family dinner at the home of their daughter in Fayville, Mass. on March 25. They had open house for their brothers and sisters. The Hoekstras have four sons, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Names of sons and daughters are: Mrs. Rena Lisak of Whitinsville, Mrs. Anna Beliveau of Fayville, Mrs. Marie Pettiford of Charlton City, John, Ronald, and Richard at home, and Harold of Whitinsville. Mrs. Hoekstra works nights with the office cleaning group. Mr. Hoekstra is with Plant Security.

The following members of Department 660 have received service pins: 20-year Alton White; 5-year John King and Steven Krawczyk. . . . We hope that Fred Rondeau, Leo Imondi, Frank Hurst, Sr., Raoul Peloquin and Toros Norosian make speedy recoveries from their illnesses. . . . Welcome to Paul Desplechin of Woonsocket, R. I. . . . Fishing season is with us again. To many of us the longest part of the year is from the end of the ice-fishing season till the regular spring opening. In a department of this size, we're bound to get a few good fish stories for the SPINDLE.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

The Bolster Job baseball club has received their tickets to the four Red Sox night games. The tickets are in Section 22, Row 25. Not a very good selection for sending in on January 6, but I suppose the Red Sox feel that anybody sending in that early doesn't care where he sits. . . . Lindsay Harding has been busily repairing and painting his boats, which he will rent out this summer at Meadow Pond. Any aspiring fisherman or those that wish a little exercise may see Lindsay about renting a boat. . . . Manning Arnold has been called to Grand Jury duty at Providence, R. I., on April 17. . . . Walter Turpak has an old Waltham watch about 45 or 50 years old. Walter says his father-in-law used to use this watch on the railroad. Walter claimed that this watch never lost a second but, when challenged, backed down and said that it "kept good time."

Dick Baker became a grandfather on April 10 when his son and daughter-in-law became the parents of a daughter, Sandra Ruth. . . . Clem LaFlash has returned to us after a short illness. . . . Bernie Gately is recovering from an operation at the Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. . . . Armand Grenier is back with us on the night shift.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

We have as our personality of the month Steven Prymak. Mr. Prymak came to work at Whitin Machine Works July 18, 1922. His job is grinder of small parts in the cast iron room. He owns his home which is at Taft Street, Whitinsville, Mass. Mr. Prymak and his wife Kathleen have three children and twelve grandchildren. He was born in Poland and came to Woonsocket, R. I., in 1913 before coming to Whitinsville where he has lived for 25 years. He enjoys watching television and working in his flower garden.

Phillip Proulx has returned to his home after being in the hospital. . . . Sidney Zuidema is expected to return to work soon, after being out sick for some time. . . . Roger Vandemortele wants his friends to know his new residence is 251 Burnside Avenue, Woonsocket, R. I. We know it is a terrific job to move and hope he will get rested up now.

Jerry Demers certainly has the luck of the Irish. He was the lucky winner recently of a 16 lb. ham. . . . Bernard Lussier has left us for a new job. We wish him the best of luck. . . . We have two new men this month. They are James Kimball and Richard Laperle. . . . Joseph Usher's wife had the honor of sitting next to Ronald Reagan at a banquet for him at General Electric in Worcester. Mrs. Usher is a supervisor at General Electric. Joe said she had stars in her eyes, but she did come back home to him. . . . Herbert Henderson, of the maintenance crew, had quite a scare the other night when his 1949 Ford caught fire. The Whitinsville Fire Department was called out and, as usual, soon had the fire out. . . . Oscar Godding of the maintenance crew celebrated his birthday, Friday, April 13.

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Why Francis "Red" Lockwood is buying Walter Richardson candy is unknown even to Walter Richardson. . . . Emillio "Leo" Eramo received his 15-year pin. . . . Ralph Baker and George Fullerton attended the Society of Tool Engineers Convention in Chicago. . . . Repairman John Deschene claims that within a few years the best swimmers in town will come from Roy Street, where they can practice after every rain. . . . Roy Webb, shaper hand, is home from the hospital and is making a rapid recovery. . . . The cherry blossoms in Washington, D. C., were admired by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Youngsma during the week of April 7. . . . Bob Couture's springer spaniel had nine pups; Kenneth Guertin's beagle had ten. No cigars were passed out and both dogs are now for sale. . . . Peter Devries spent three days in St. Vincent's Hospital for observation. . . . Acting as a good neighbor, Richard Gjeltema, during a snowstorm, let the dog of Morgan Kelliher onto the Kelliher porch. The dog enjoyed the two pies which Mrs. Kelliher had cooling on the porch.

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

While helping Pete Forget move some wood, Norman Baker by quick thinking prevented damage to Pete's car. The car was rolling down a hill when Norman placed his truck in front of the out-of-control automobile and brought it to a full stop. . . . After a four-year absence Ted

Morel is back with us. . . . The new stock clerk who replaced Doris Shaw is Juanita Manyak, formerly of Department 427. Her husband, Stephen, is in the Air Force stationed at Hanscom Field, Bedford. . . . Waldo Forsythe is an expert on the careers of the badmen of the Old West. . . . Al Vallee is fascinated by his hobby of raising goldfish in a thirty-gallon aquarium. . . . A likeable chap, Armand Labrecque, our new trucker, came to us from Department 416. . . . Abel Lortie is the unofficial mouse exterminator of Department 446. Each evening, before going home, he sets his mouse traps. To date he has caught many mice. . . . Arsene Racicot, who has forty years of continuous service, first worked for Whitin in 1903 but left to return in 1916. Harmas Dion received his 15-year pin from Mr. Wilson on March 19. . . . Peter Brothers has left us to drive a bakery truck. . . . Buster Caswell has been operated on at The Memorial Hospital. . . . Joe Tosches, the casting chaser for our departments, paid a garageman $5.00 for removing one lug from a car wheel. It took the garageman a total of fifteen minutes. . . . William "Obe" O'Brien is recuperating at home after two weeks in Whitinsville Hospital. . . . Pete Andonian is an aircraft mechanic specializing in jet engines with the Navy Air Reserve. He hopes to be promoted to chief petty officer in the near future. . . . Leo Blanchet bought two garden rakes so that Mrs. Blanchet might have one of her very own to use in landscaping the grounds around their new house. The feeling generally is that she will probably have opportunity to use both of them.

Jimmy Nicholson, my fishing buddy, and I went in off Point Judith on April 15. The temperature was forty degrees so we stayed in for only half an hour. Although we wore rubber suits and our "long johns" our hands got cold. We saw only a few small fish, a conch, and a starfish, but within a few short weeks we should get tautog, pollack, and striped bass.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

We welcome Konstantine Lipka and Charles Willard to our department. . . . We are glad to have Louis Yacino back with us again. . . . As of this writing, Marinus Bosma is in The Memorial Hospital recuperating from an operation; we hope he will be back with us soon. . . . Get-well wishes go to Norman Gendron who is out sick. . . . Vaughn Harding has taken a leave of absence and will go to California as his doctor suggested. We hope that climate will help you, Vaughn. . . . Our heavyweight John Lemoine is doing fine on his reducing diet—with a loss of 30 lbs.—but still weighs over 200 lbs. . . . We see a two-tone green 1953 Chevrolet about town and understand John Kurowski is the owner.

Belated birthday greetings for April go to the following: Ralph McCray, Louis Bilodeau, Martin Sharkey, Margos Torosian, Francis Shugrue, James Benjamin, Henry Laplante, Elvin Winchell, Norman Gendron, and Henry R. Laplante.

Those celebrating birthdays this month are Zeigi Buczynski, Bedros Almasian, Garabed Bedrosian, and Omer Parent.

Personality of the Month: This month's salute goes to George "Red" Vincent. Red was born in Northbridge on June 22, 1921. His father is George A. Vincent of the Milling Job. He received his education in Good Shepherd Parochial School and Northbridge High is his Alma Mater from which he graduated in 1939. On December 26, 1941 Red enlisted in the U. S. Marines, and after serving 31 months in the South Pacific, Red was discharged on December 25, 1945. While in the service, Red married the former Elouise McClure on June 16, 1945 at the Good Shepherd Church in Linwood. They are the proud parents of two daughters and one son, namely Deborah, Dianne and Paul. They make their home at 80 School Street, Linwood. Red started with Whitin in February 1940 and with the exception of his four years in the service, he has been attached to the Foundry Division of Production Control serving as Planner on the Squeezer Unit. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and fly tieing. After seeing some of the fish flies he has tied, it is no wonder they are much in demand by local fishermen.

Congratulations to Arthur Broadhurst on being a winner of the Weekly Portrait Drawing at Dickman's Department Store. His hand painted portrait, done by Jack Sneiderman, is now on display in the store and will be until Christmas. . . . At the time of this writing, Yvonne Gainer is on a two-week leave of absence and is visiting her son who is in the U. S. Air Force in Florida, awaiting overseas assignment. . . . Birthday congratulations this month to William Healy. . . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Turner who recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. . . . So long and the best of luck to Bradley Brown who has been transferred from Foundry Timekeeping to the Cost Department. . . . Bob Paul, Foundry Timekeeping, is now sporting around in a '56 Chevrolet Bel Air and Romeo Tellier, Core Room Timekeeping, has traded his Chrysler for a '53 Nash. . . . Joe Mercak reminds me that although he and John Mercak made an open golf match challenge to Gerry Turner and Bill Taylor for two years, they have not accepted yet. What's the trouble men????

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Many have complained that their name has not appeared in this column. The solution is very simple: just give your reporter a bit of news once in a while.

Congratulations to Gene Closson, Stockroom No. 26, on his reappointment as deputy chief of police in Upton. . . . Last month we failed to welcome two co-workers, so here's the red carpet for Milton Wallace and Francis Poitras. . . . Regards to all his friends from Plant Security Guard Alex "Sandy" Gray.

Birthdays were celebrated by Alfred Briggs, Herman Hathaway, John Bartlenski, and Henry Melanson. . . . The success of the 35th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Croteau was in large part due to the efforts of chef Harvey Croteau.

Brenda and Brian Spratt, children of Bill Spratt, Night Superintendent, enjoyed playing with this rabbit fashioned for them out of snow by their father

St. Patrick's Atoms, coached by Franny McCool, are the champions of the 1956 Church Basketball League sponsored by the Whitin Community Association. The Atoms edged out the Upton Boys Club by a single game margin in a fourteen game schedule. They defeated Upton in two straight games in the play-offs. Front row, from the left: Walter Canvent, Joseph Mahaney, Brent Trattier, Raymond Leclair. Back row, from the left: Richard Comeau, Timothy Murray, Eugene Kennedy, Paul Malkasian. Joseph Chabot and Leo Gosselin were absent

The Upton Boys Club was the runner-up in the Church League. A team trophy was awarded to both the league champions and the runners-up. Individual trophies were also awarded to players on each team. Front row, from the left: Donald Sanderson, Russell Halberg, Stanley Praskiewicz, and Peter Nydam. Back row, from the left: Frank Fletcher, Richard Schools, William Nae and Robert Hannaford

Notes: "Red" Poitras, newcomer on 432, wants to be called by the nickname "Fran." . . . Frank Tingley and Wilfred O. Miclette, hard workers on 410, have been promised a spot in the SPINDLE in the popular "Familiar Faces Around the Plant" section. . . . A good handshake to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Finn who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary as did Mr. and Mrs. George C. Vacher their 39th wedding anniversary. . . . Alfred "Pete" Montville, warehouse crane operator, hits the double jackpot this month by celebrating his 69th birthday and his 30th wedding anniversary. . . . Bob Anderson has been scheduled to appear as a "personality of the month" for the last two issues, but so far Bob's interview is not finished.

Personality of the Month: Let us meet 432's genial production planner, James M. Fitzgerald. Some one hundred times a day the phone rings with the caller asking for "Fitzy" or Jimmy, his two most popular nicknames. He was born August 3, 1923, in Whitinsville. His parents, who are still living in this community, are John J. and Ellen Hurley. He graduated from the local grammar and high schools, and in 1941 started at W.M.W., Department 448, as a drill operator. Jimmy's military record was four-and-a-half years in the rugged U. S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean conflict. He attended Texas A & M College for Radio Training, served as radio gunner in a torpedo bomber squadron on antisubmarine patrol, and flew over the Tinian, Guam, and Saipan areas. On November 13, 1943, at St. Mary's Church, El Centro, California, Miss Dorothy Duggan became Jimmy's bride. To date, Dot's and Jimmy's offspring are James 11, Jo-Ann 8, Joseph 7, and little Judy, 2½ years old.

Jimmy likes all sports, participates in as many as time permits, and drives a Chevrolet. Jimmy's cooperation makes it a pleasure to work with him.

After a survey of baseball fans on 410 and 432, the prediction is that the Dodgers and Yankees will fight the World Series.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Edward T. Baker, who works on the twister erecting floor, has received his pin for twenty years of continuous service. Ed began work here in August, 1925, but due to business conditions his continuous service was broken. Before learning erecting he worked in several departments. Ed and Mrs. Baker live at 35 Overlook Street with their daughters, 16-year-old Shirley and 14-year-old Kathleen. Ed is a gardener and, I regret to state, a Yankee fan. According to that great mouthpiece, Dave Egan, I may have a chance to belittle his team this year.

Armand E. Gagnon of wool erecting received his 5-year pin. He is a bachelor from Woonsocket. . . . Arthur Taylor is much improved and is expected back at work after his bout with pneumonia. . . . Mrs. Helen McGregor, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Scott, returned to Scotland on April 8. . . . On the Monday following the blizzard of April 7 many of our men were absent from work, including John Fleszar, that great supporter of the Sutton highway department. . . . Gabriel Carpenter has returned to the Card Erecting Floor and Bill Beaudoin is working on the Spinning Erecting Floor. . . . During a snowstorm Jake Haringa found his snow shovel missing from his car, then found he was in the wrong car. . . . Tension has decreased among the workers in the bargaining unit and the two-year contract seems to have created a much better feeling among this group. It certainly has done a lot to ease conditions at home. . . . Oscar Mayr has returned to work after a leave of absence. . . . The new workers on the Polishing Job are Raymond Morin, Roger Gosselin, Hector Gagnon, and Francis Pepler.

April birthdays were observed by John Fleszar, Frank Rondeau, Francis Coffey, Robert Roy, Ben Scott, and (a correction) Alfred Nolet. . . . Bill Taft has returned to his apple trees. . . . Bob Stewart, formerly a part-time worker on the erecting floor, has had his option as an umpire taken up by the American League.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

This month's personality is Jimmy Gibbons, supervisor at Department 413

Jim came to Whitin in 1936 and has never worked on any department but 413. He was married June 17, 1929 to the former Alice M. Trainor of Millville. They have two daughters, Mary, wife of Frank Flynn who is a teacher-coach at Bellingham High School and Alice, wife of Arthur E. Provost who also resides in Bellingham. They also have a grandson and a granddaughter. Jim is an ardent fox hunter and occasionally a follower of Izaac Walton. He was also a team mate of Gabby Hartnett when he played for the Millville Blue-Jays. He is a regular follower of all sports on radio and TV.

The Hats Off Department—To Ray Malley who was a real good neighbor to Sal Saccoccio during one of the March snowstorms. Sal discovered a flat tire on his car at noon, but had no time to change it, and also no spare. Brother Malley, who knew Sal was working until 9 o'clock, took the situation well in hand. After going home to supper he returned to the parking lot, took off the flat, went down and had it repaired and back on Sal's car before 9 o'clock. Well done Mr. Malley.

Department 413 held the annual Spring banquet for members and their wives at N. V. Cafe on Thursday, April 19. After a delicious steak dinner the program got underway with Lucien Paulhus giving one of his now famous speeches, and introducing Foreman Eddie Horan, Assistant Foreman Jim Fisher, and Selectman Paul Rutana who all made a few brief remarks. Songs by Tony Petrillo, Alfie Berube, and Jack Morrison rounded out the evening.

Paint Job Drippings: George Dumas purchased some new fishing gear to do some Brown Trout fishing in Athol. Al Lucier is now raising white King Pigeons. Al Hoekstra is out sick at this time. Phil Dion is about to take exams for a motion picture operator's license. Joe Brooks is getting ready to raise chickens and have a garden—that's a daily double combination if we ever heard one.

Creel Job Shavings: From all the talk and pantomime going on between "Mickey" Michalik and Frank Shea one might think that "Gaddabout Gaddis" might be looking for a new job. Francis Shea and Leo Leduc are back after a hospital sojourn.

A music review, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Lanagan, was presented by the Northbridge Public Schools in the auditorium of the Northbridge High School, April 11. The program, which was a pronounced success, was sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association. Pictured above are some of the children who participated

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is Albert Pouliot who was born in North Uxbridge on March 5, 1909. He attended the local schools and in 1927 came to work for Department 453. He married Yvonne Isabelle in the Good Shepherd Church in 1931. They have two daughters, Jeannette, who lives in Millville, and Lucia, a sophomore at St. Mary's Center High School in Milford. Albert is looking forward to fishing season to open for he is an ardent fisherman and enjoys baseball as well.

Congratulations to Clarence Bisson and Richard Benner who were on the Freight Office Bowling Team which won the roll-off. They proudly displayed their individual trophies. They finished in second place in the league. Clarence Bisson qualified for the W&T Bowling Tournament with a score of 1153. He got 26 spares and 9 strikes in his 10 strings during which he never fell below 100. His tally sheet read 111–140–110–122–116–113–100–104–120–117. He depends on a medium speed cross-alley delivery.

We congratulate J. Harold Baszner and Joseph W. Brochu on receiving their 20-year pins. . . . Members of the office took Elwin Elliott out to supper at the Treasure Island Club Cafe in Webster the other night. Elwin has left our office to work in Master List. We all wish him the best of luck. Another member of our fold has terminated his duties as a dispatcher. Alex MacDonald has accepted a position with the Federal Power Commission in Washington, D. C., where he will be an information specialist. A farewell party was held in his honor at the Fire Station Hall.

Departmental changes: Armand Horent is now dispatcher replacing Alex MacDonald; Robert Fougere is working in the Receiving and Shipping Department; Gerald T. McCarthy is working in Mr. St. Andre's office. . . . We welcome back Louis Laferriere and Kilda Monast after being out several weeks on account of illness. . . . On March 29 we had a surprise visit from James C. Rice. It is great to know that he is on the road to recovery. . . . William Morrissette, Jr., is really proud of his two-tone green Belvedere Plymouth. . . . Leo Gauthier has changed his car for a '53 DeSoto. . . . Baseball and softball fans are anxious to get going.

CHANGES IN COCA-COLA PRICES

Last fall, for the first time Coca-Cola was made available in our plant at the prevailing price of 5 cents per bottle. At that time there was no indication that the price of Coca-Cola might be increased.

However, by letter dated March 16, 1956, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Worcester notified us that it is necessary to increase the price of Coca-Cola to 10 cents per bottle. Outlining their reasons for this change in price, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company wrote:

> "Since October we have received notices of increases on future bottle purchases, crowns, bottle cases; and we are now negotiating our first union contract which will result in an increase in labor costs. Because of these increases it is necessary that we revise our thinking as to the continuance of the five-cent selling price in our industrial markets. We feel that the ten-cent price is fair and justified. After all, there are not many items, if any, that sell today at the same price, for the same size and quality, that they sold for in 1890."

All of the large industrial users in the Worcester Area will be required to charge the ten-cent price. The Coca-Cola Company will start accommodating our vending machines to the new price on May 17, 1956.

Erik O. Pierson,
Works Manager

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Everyone is no doubt quite content to forget about all the terrific snowstorms we had in March and April, but no one is more content to forget them than our esteemed Assistant Foreman Alfred Sutcliffe. On Tuesday following the day we were sent home because of the blizzard, Al made the superhuman effort to come to work in spite of the fact that his driver did not show up. After enlisting the aid of a neighbor with a bulldozer he got his own car out and his daughter drove him to work. He is firmly convinced now that he "should have stood in bed." He arrived here at about 9:00 from Mendon and spent a comparatively uneventful day but on the way home with his wife in the back seat and his daughter driving they were run into head-on by another car. Al was taken to the Milford Hospital for x-rays which disclosed a broken nose and Mrs. Sutcliffe and June suffered bruises and a general shaking up. The car is in a sad state of disrepair. Al is recuperating and we all hope there will be no repercussions from the bumps and bruises.

We have had the pleasure of the company of Nicholas DeHaas, apprentice tool designer, as an observer here for a few weeks. We trust he has assimilated the knowledge he has been seeking in regard to wood patterns. . . . Ralph Houghton is again serving on Jury Duty in Boston and we see him in fits and starts. Possibly Ralph will have some interesting material for future Spindle columns. . . . Herman Buma has left with the good wishes of the department to pursue his funeral directing full time. . . . Osias J. Chenette made another errand of mercy trip—this time to New York to visit his son who was seriously ill. We hope he is better now and that soon Joe can make a trip under more pleasant circumstances. . . . Archie Fournier recently visited his second set of twin grandsons in Warwick, R. I. He claims they are progressing nicely and in a few years they'll be wrestling their grandfather. Archie had considerable prowess in that field in his younger days.

Ralph Houghton; James Ferguson, and Francis Joslin celebrated birthdays this month. There were even more anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. George Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kroll, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. John Dominick, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. John. Congratulations all! May seems to be the preferred month for weddings on this job with the traditional June running second along with February with four weddings each.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

Of course, the best story for last month was the big snow. We are happy to report that most of our department made out quite well. There were a few sore backs and Ralph Walley and Lionel Grondines were walking around for a few days with a limp due to falls, but nothing serious. . . . Art Mickulsky has just received another suggestion award. . . . We know that spring is here now for sure because the boys have another one of their fishing trips planned. If anyone wants a bird house built, see John Malley. . . . Can it be true that Pete Babowitch is ready to build that garage? . . . It's about the right time for the brush cuts to show up, but we are not sure that Charlie Tykes will get one this year. It took almost a year for his last one to get back to normal. . . . Birthday greetings to Joseph Baril, Joseph Caron, John Drainville, Ed Krajewski, and Sophie Sobon. . . . The Oscar award committee reports that no award will be given this month.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

The warmer weather has finally arrived—we hope, and with it comes thoughts o summer sports. Which is the better sport—golf or baseball? Hugo Meotti and Floy Gudanowski have been arguing pro an con. As of now, no decision has bee reached. . . . Jean Champagne took trip to Montreal, Canada with her mother They went by plane and Jean said tha their visit was most enjoyable. However the return trip was a little delayed due t our "delayed winter" weather. . . . Man happy returns to Ray Mooradian, A Toomey and Herb Cutler who have Ma birthdays, and anniversary congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Al Toomey, Mr. and Mr Tom Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Peloquin . . . Pin award congratulations this mont to Eileen Holmes and Ray Cabana for hav ing been with us 5 years, and to Charli May who is a 15-year man. . . . Ou farewells and best wishes to Bill McFarlan who has left our company. Good luck t him in his new job.

A warm welcome to Connie Hazebrouck who is working for the Whitin Busines Equipment at Research. Connie is fro North Smithfield, R. I. And again a we come to Mr. R. A. Dooley, Sales Manag of Whitin Business Equipment. . . Congratulations to Ed Perry who wa recently elected Lay Leader at the annu meeting of the Whitinsville Methodi Church. His son Richard is in the new this month, too. On April 14, 1956, Dic appeared on the Perry Como show as member of the Duke University Men's Gl Club. Dick is a senior at the Universit . . . And again this month our "get well to Virginia Burke. Hope she is back wit us soon.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

In Department 450 the question is, "What happened to Red Jones' coffee?" . . . Albert Cupka has a new Ford. His son, Albert Jr., is now on active duty with the Air Force. . . . Ernest Riedle's father is recovering from a heart attack in Milford Hospital. . . . Department 450 welcomes the return of Walter Parker and Thomas Schotanus and the arrival of new inspectors Gerard Peloquin and Bertrand Senecal. . . . Edward Jarvis is to study engineering at a Texas college. . . . Arthur Nolan from Franklin is the new fireman. . . . In strawberry time, remember Peter Kravatz who has over half an acre in strawberry plants. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malkasian celebrated their sixteenth anniversary on April 13.

In Department 451, Widgie Esposito has a new Oldsmobile and Helen Sears a new blue Chevrolet. . . . Congratulations in the 31st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Mantell. . . . Birthday candles are lit this month for Widgie Esposito, Sam Gagne, Lil Scott, and Ann Mantell.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Our personality on the first shift this month is Helen Burroughs. Helen was born in Mt. Desert Island, Maine, and was educated in the schools in Maine. She still gets homesick for Maine and enjoys going back on her vacations. Helen is married to Roy Burroughs who is a supervisor in the Master List Department. They are the parents of two children—Wayne and Earl—and also are grandparents of two children—Donna and Nancy. Helen

Helen Burroughs, Department 411 day shift personality, is shown with her husband, Roy Burroughs of Master List. Helen and Roy operate the Neighborly Store during their leisure hours

Barren Jr. and Wayne are the children of Barren Wallace, Department 411 night shift personality

first came to work for Whitin in 1942 on the Magneto Job. In 1944 she was transferred to our department as a turret lathe operator. She is known to be one of the most efficient workers in our department. Helen and Roy don't have too much spare time because, when they're not working in the shop, they are working at their store. They own a variety store called the Neighborly Store which keeps them pretty busy. Helen also enjoys working around the yard at their home which they recently bought. Helen and Roy are proud of the fact that both sons are veterans. Earl is a veteran of the Korean War and Wayne is a veteran of World War II.

Our personality on the second shift is Barren Wallace. Barren was born in Monroe, Louisiana, as anyone can believe after hearing his southern drawl. In Louisiana he operated a combination meat and grocery market prior to World War II. At that time he enlisted in the Navy where he served three and a half years. He was assigned to the transport *Crescent City* and saw service in the Philippines, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, and Australia. Barren is fond of baseball, hockey, and likes to hunt and fish. He is married to the former Jennie Destefani whom he met in California, and they are the parents of two children—Barren, Jr., and Wayne. In August of last year he was operating a restaurant in Woonsocket. The restaurant was lost because of the floods. Barren first came to work in Whitinsville in 1955 in our department. We certainly hope that he has better luck than he has recently had.

Joan Mateer of our Inspection Department recently owned three cats and six kittens. So far she's been fortunate in giving them away, but she still has one kitten left now. Anyone interested in owning a kitten *please* get in touch with her because her father has now threatened that either the kitten goes or she goes!

Cliff Goyette is the proud owner of a brand-new 1956 Dodge. . . . Welcome to the following who are now working with us: Henry Coutu, Lester Wilcox, Edward Legassey, and Joseph Keenan. . . . Best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays this month: Peter Vandersloot, Bob Pelletier, Dean McKinnon, Byron Heywood, Chet McQuilkin, Philip Belanger, Clifford Goyette, Frank Howard, Frank Berkowitz, Anthony Stasz, Angelo Geruso, Edmund Gerber, Bertrand Senecal, and George Charpentier. . . . Congratulations to the following who are observing anniversaries: Roger Boudreau, Aldred Desautels, Kelsau Davis, Kenneth McMahon, Clarence Beauregard, John Demers, Philip Belanger, and Lester Wilcox.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

My apologies to Doug Farley and Bob Gardner for my comments on their card playing, as they are still champs at pitch. Nick Beccia and Grant Fournier seem to be still amateurs. How about getting a copy of the book on how to play cards, fellows? . . . Claire Houle has finally moved into her new house, and from what I hear, it is very nice. . . . Three very impatient fellows on the job have been swinging their golf clubs for a month and waiting for the snow to disappear. Have patience Charlie Malkasian, Bob Gardner and Grant Fournier, for the fairways will be open soon and those birdies and pars will be going down on the score cards. . . . Welcome to Beatrice Sabourin, our new inspector, who replaced Jennie Spratt. . . . Rose Onanian celebrated her birthday on April 6. . . . Department 417 is entering a team in the shop softball league, and Ray "The Lip" Achorn will be at the helm. More information next month.

Wilfred Paquette, Department 418, claims to get more mileage with a quart of oats than most people get with a gallon of gasoline. He doesn't have to use antifreeze in his hay-burner either

CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Benjamin Brouwer

Happy birthday wishes for April to Evelyn Johnson and Edward Allega. We are glad to see Eddy back with us again, after being out for quite a while with a sprained back. . . . Many happy returns to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brule on their 35th wedding anniversary. . . . Our best wishes go to Lester Wilcox, Andrew Sanborn, and Norman Choiniere, who have left us to work in other departments. We were sorry to hear that Arthur Bodwell was badly injured in an automobile accident during the blizzard of March 16. He received two broken legs in the accident which occurred in Uxbridge. He will probably remain in the hospital for some time.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

The "Gourmets," Jan Lawrence, Stella Betley, Joan Hutcheson, Lucy Kheboian, Helen Miller, Helen Dagirmanjian, Nancy Danahy, and Doris McCray held their most recent outing at Thompson's Lodge in Westboro. They report that it is another excellent establishment. . . . Master Route Section's "Good-Time Club" had its most recent outing at Bronzo's and they report a delightful evening. It was learned that it was also Betty Bonaventura's third wedding anniversary and the Master of Ceremonies made public announcement of the fact. Of course he was just a little puzzled to see just a party of girls celebrating an anniversary, so naturally he inquired as to the whereabouts of Mr. "B." The "MC" was astounded to learn that the husband was at home baby sitting with little Frankie, Jr. And then you women say that we husbands have such an easy life. The participants at this occasion were: Betty Bonaventura, Blanche Cassista, Blanche Fullerton, "Jackie" Duhamel, "Pat" DiSalvo, Shirley Fougere, Shirley Staniek, Pauline Demaris, "Fran" Gonsorcik, Henrietta Hoogendyke, and Mary Limanek. . . . New wrinkle has been added to the method of paying off a bet. "Andy" Magill lost a carton of cigarettes to "Jackie" Gilchrist on the bowling season and "Andy" picked the most unique method of paying off. He brought "Jackie" a cigarette machine, tobacco, paper and instructions as to how to make nice round, firm, and fully packed cigarettes. . . . This column is being written a week ahead of the scheduled opening of the Office Golf League, but if today is any indication, April 16 (rain, rain, and more rain), we will be lucky to get under way by Memorial Day.

All reports and predictions on the outcome of the American and National League pennant races must be in the hands of your reporters not later than September 1 if you want to be considered in the running for "prize" fence-rider of the year. To date, we have only received the selections of defending champion "Tom" Cawley and I have threatened to expose him in the next issue of the SPINDLE. Boy, wait 'til you see his pickin's. . . . From all reports, the Personality feature is being received quite well. We are most happy and it is you who are asked to participate who make it a successful feature. We plan to get out into the Storesrooms very shortly. We hope that you will be waiting for us and give us the necessary information. . . . A hearty welcome to Bill Mayberry, former planner at 411, now working in the Scheduled Parts Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fenner were married in St. Peter's Church, Northbridge, on January 21

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We welcome Bradley Brown to our Foundry group and Mathew Zywien to our Spinning group.

Margaret and Donald Crosby and their family recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary by visiting her sister in Washington, D.C. . . . Tom Altoonian has returned from a two-week active training course with the Army Air Corps Reserve. . . . Florence LeBeau and her husband spent a week's vacation visiting with friends in Washington, D.C. and relatives in New Jersey. . . . We are glad to welcome Ray Tebeau back after his recent siege at St. Vincent Hospital. . . . We hope that by now Howard Anderson and Harold Tolman have fully recovered from their operations at Boston hospitals. . . . Florence LeBeau is very proud of her husband these days and she has every right to be. During one of our big snow storms this past winter Armand, who is a driver for Worcester Street Railway Bus Company, was marooned with his passengers for the night. He lent his jacket to a passenger and did his utmost to keep the bus running and his passengers comfortable as possible through the long, cold night. His company commended him highly for services beyond the call of duty.

Congratulations to Eve Lundberg upon receiving her 5-year pin. . . . Happy motoring to Leo Imondi who is the proud owner of a new '56 Chevrolet and to Shirley McNamara who has a '54 Buick Century.

Birthdays: Shirley McNamara, Henry Lawton, Leroy Benner, and Marshall Clark. . . . Anniversaries: Roland and Dorothy Farrar, their 14th; Florence and Morrice Perry, their 12th; Armand and Theresa Plouffe, their 9th; Rocky and Ruth Knight, their 19th.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, BUDGETS, STATEMENTS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Payroll: Rosalie Lent has been thumbing through several brochures of New York State and Canada. We learned she has a new car, with her vacation well planned . . . Evelyn Maziarka reports a busy Easter in the floral trade. She and husband John have a sideline. . . . Stuart White and Albert Bokoski, two advanced apprentices, have been observing and learning all phases in the Works Accounting division . . . Cathy Reeves has completed a five week course in cake decorating.

Machine Accounting: We welcome Virginia Audette of Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, and Margaret Crosby of the Cost Department. They will become key punch operators. . . . Carolyn Salatiell posed for a portrait sketch by Jack Schneiderman at Dickman's Store. . . . Nane Trainor is on leave of absence. . . . Rut Kellaher, we are sorry to report, is on sic leave. We hope to have her back soon . . . Bob Courchene is fond of carrots Now we know he has 20–20 vision.

Statements: Gus Ayotte, a rabid hocke fan, is real proud of the Rhode Island Red successful season. . . . Carolyn Schaap man is on leave of absence.

Budgets: Ted Froh is eagerly awaitin the fishing season. Riley's Pond has bee stocked with $500.00 worth of fish for tl opening, with the date undetermined b ease of ice on the pond. Ted is recon mending Georgia Red Wigglers this seas in preference to Mrs. Lasell's king-si night crawlers.

Timekeeping: We welcome Arshag Kar goshian of 51 Border Street, Whitinsvill to Department 411, where he replace Claudette Boucher, who is on leave absence. . . . We also welcome Dor

Areand of Woonsoeket to Department 416. . . . Mattie Zywein, formerly of Department 416 and Bradley Brown of Department 404, have moved into the Cost Department. Congratulations, men! Loretta Cassista of Department 436 received her five-year service pin from supervisor F. Merwin Brown.

Members of the Whitin Home Garden Club this year again reeeived flower and vegetable seed with the eompliments of the Woreester Federal Savings and Loan Assoeiation. A mighty fine gesture!

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Philip O'Grady

We welcome Evelyn Hobbs. She replaces Shirley Bosma who has left to enter nurses training. We all wish Shirley the best of luek and think she will make a fine nurse. . . . It is good to have Stanley Witek baek with us after his recent illness. . . . We also say good-bye to Janet Crossland, Mary Cooper and Art Wilson. Art, who will be employed at Draper Corporation, will be missed at our stag parties. . . . We wish Aliee Naroian happiness in her married ife, and congratulate Kitty Sullivan who eelebrates her first anniversary this month. . . . The first meeting of the newly ormed Philatelic Club of the Drafting Room was held at the home of John Lash n April 11. . . . Ernest Plante says the Easter Parade in Manehaug was as good as he one on Fifth Avenue in New York but Bernice Darey must be from Missouri. She made the trip to New York to see for herself. . . . Spring is here and that neans baseball. It looks to this writer ike the Red Sox's year. Wouldn't it be nice to see the World Series played in Boston instead of New York?

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We were pleased to see big Bill Neulieb eeeive his ten-year pin from Mr. Brouwer n April 5. . . . Charlie Mateer's son-in-aw, Capt. McGilpin, who has been stationed n Thule, is returning this month and is oing down Florida way where further nstruetions will be waiting. . . . Ben Musket is again happy playing eribbage. Reeently he had a twenty-nine hand. Let's ope his good luek eontinues.

Wendell Piper's son, Richard, performed emarkably well in the musieale presented y the Parent-Teaehers Assoeiation at their ast meeting for the year. Riehard sang "McNamara's Band" and really brought he house down. His parents have good eason to be proud of him. . . . Happy irthdays this month to Harley Buma, Frank DeHaas, Lewis Kenney, Hjalmar Larson, G. Frank Martin, Earl Mason, Merton Whatley, and George Shaw. . . . Paul Wheeler of Methods and his wife elebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary on April 4. We hope they will njoy many more.

Miss Jeannette Bishop, daughter of Everett Bishop of Department 439, was married to Mr. Donald Gauthier at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, April 7. The reception was held at the Progressive Club, North Uxbridge.

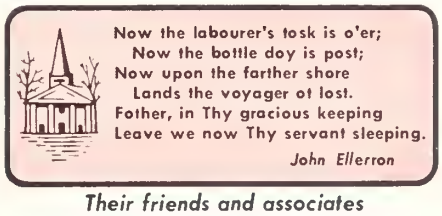
To Herve Bonin, Department 405, and Mrs. Bonin, a son at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Alden Toomey, Research Division, and Mrs. Toomey, a son, Allen Robert, weight 9 lbs. 6 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lamontagne, a daughter, Diana Vivian, on March 16.

To Aram Blanchard, Department 437, and Mrs. Blanchard, a daughter, Renee, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., at Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, on the Ides of March.

A daughter, Kathryn Mary, on March 26, to James L. Burke, Internal Auditor, and Mrs. Burke.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Rudolph Petrin, Department 421, on the death of his father, Joseph Petrin, age 67, who died on March 31.

Theodore Morel, Department 421, on the death of his son, Theodore Morel, Jr., age eight months.

Donald and Harmas Dion on the death of Mrs. Emma Boileau.

Family and friends of Abraham Twight, 65, of 903 Providence Road, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on March 23. A native of the Netherlands and a veteran of World War I, he was employed as a woodworker at the Whitin Machine Works for fifteen years.

Relatives and friends of John E. Hickey, 62, of Farnumsville Road, who died in Whitinsville Hospital on April 4. A native of Uxbridge and for sixteen years a Northbridge resident, he was Foreman of Department 405.

Survivors and friends of John P. Jackman, 61, of 149 Linwood Street, who died in Jamaica Plain Veterans Hospital on April 9. A veteran of World War I, he had been employed in Plant Security for six years.

Friends and family of Philip Brown, 24, of 17 Forest Street, who died April 5. A former paratrooper, he was employed here as a machinist.

Relatives and friends of William H. Baker, 82, of the Blue Eagle Inn, who died in Tampa, Florida, on March 24. A Whitinsville resident for thirty years, he was, prior to his retirement, an inspector at the Whitin Machine Works.

Bert Kroll, Department 408, on the death of his father, Arthur Kroll.

Bert Lauzon, Department 409, on the death of his father.

Albert Brouwer and family on the death of his father-in-law, Arthur Kroll.

To Alfred Boileau of No. 11 Storesroom, and William Boileau, on the death of their mother.

Zelma Benner on the death of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Peters of Lowell, Massachusetts.

Eve Lundberg on the death of her mother-in-law.

Benjamin and James Scott of Department 448 on the death of their father, James, in Dundee, Scotland, on March 19 at the age of 93.

William Guertin on the death of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Curran of Northbridge.

Henry Duquette on the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Philip Brown, Department 414, who was killed in an automobile accident on April 4.

Survivors and friends of Louis J. Wiersma, 75, former Whitin molder and prominent local dairyman, who died at the Milford Medical Home on April 16.

Friends and relatives of William St. Andre, 72, of Central Square, Upton, who died in West Roxbury Veterans Hospital on April 15. A veteran of World War I, he was employed at the Whitin Machine Works prior to his retirement.

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LUCIEN R. BLOUIN

Lucien R. Blouin is justifiably proud of his family. Francis, a graduate of Annapolis, has the rank of Captain. Raymond, a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, has the rank of Commander, and Clarence, who enlisted in the regular navy, has the rank of Commander. Mike is attending the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Doris is a secretary in the Whitin Sales Department. The youngest daughter, Rachel, is married and lives at Prentice Corner. There are ten grandchildren.

Lucien was born in Armagh, Quebec, Canada, on February 16, 1887. He came to North Uxbridge in April of 1906 and started to work for Whitin in the Freight House. Soon he was transferred to the Needle Job, remaining until 1908, thence to the Comber Job. He has been employed in the department continuously since then. He is a skilled workman who can perform any operation in his department.

Mr. Blouin has been active also outside the Shop throughout the years. He has been a member of the Home Garden Club for forty years, is presently Secretary of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, a position he has held for some thirty years, is Secretary of the Association of Franco-Americans, and is a member of the French Artisan Society.

He has lived in Whitinsville for forty-two years and last November the family moved into their newly built home on Linwood Avenue.

ALBERT BUMA

Albert Buma was quite a skater in his younger days and used to participate in the races held on the Arcade and Meadow Ponds. Today his outside interests are gardening, watching TV and baseball, with special interest in the Red Sox.

Albert was born in Holland on July 21, 1892 and came to this country in June of 1900. His first job was with the Linwood Cotton Mill. He came to the Shop in April of 1906 to work on ring holders. He also worked in the Freight House for a short period. In 1916 he was transferred to the Steel Roll Job and has been in that department since that time.

He has four sons, all veterans of World War II, and four grandchildren. He and Mrs. Buma live in their home on Farnumsville Road, Northbridge Center, where they have made their home for the past thirty-seven years.

DOWELL A. CORRON

Dowell A. Corron was an avid trapper until abou two years ago. He covered a distance of approxi mately fifty-six miles every morning and evenin visiting traps he had set throughout Worceste County.

Fabian, as he is known by his many friends, wa born in Manchaug, Mass., February 10, 1893, an moved to Whitinsville in his youth. He entere the Whitin Machine Works in June of 1906, hi first job being in the outside yard. About a yea later he was transferred to the Roll Job and late to the Spindle Job. For the past forty years he ha been employed on the Flyer Job.

He has been interested in sports all his life an for many years played in the old Sunset Leagu He still follows the Red Sox closely and feels tha this may be the year the championship will com to Boston.

He raises about 6700 gladioli annually and ha been a member of the Whitin Home Garden Clu for the past thirty-five years.

He has two sons and a daughter. His son Donal is presently employed in the Research Divisio He and Mrs. Corron live at 27 D Street in town.

NAZAIRE D. LAFERRIERI

Nazaire D. Laferriere was born in Natic, R. I on February 2, 1892. In 1896 the family moved t Whitinsville. He started to work in the Core Roo in June of 1906, working there for two years befo transferring to the Foundry. He has worked as squeezer molder since that time and takes pride i the volume of work he can still perform in a day.

His outside activities have mostly been confine to gardening, and his interest in sports has bee that of a spectator rather than as a participant.

His family occupied one of the first houses bui in the New Village, where Mr. Laferriere has th distinction of being the oldest resident. He an

Mrs. Laferriere now live at 6 North Main Street. He has six children and twelve grandchildren. A son, Arthur, is employed on the Inside Paint Job.

SIPKE OPPEWALL

Sipke Oppewall left Holland in 1906 to come to the United States, and says he will never forget the boat trip, because he was seasick most of the way over. Sipke, who is called "Sam," was born in Holland on May 8, 1891.

His first job was at the Linwood Cotton Mill. After a few months there, he left to enter the Shop, starting to work on the Roll Job in June. He has been employed in that department continuously since that time. He is a veteran of World War I, is the father of five children and has nine grandchildren.

He has been a member of the Home Garden Club for the past thirty-five years. His other hobbies are reading and baseball. He lives at 48 Fletcher Street in town.

SAMUEL CLELAND

Samuel Cleland's first job in Whitinsville was working in the greenhouse for Mrs. John C. Whitin. He worked in the Shop during the winter months, returning to work in the greenhouse during the spring and summer months. Sam was born in Ireland, June 15, 1885, and came to the United States in 1902. In August of 1906 he started to work in the Shop on a permanent basis on Top Hats. He worked in the department continuously from that time until 1947, acting in the capacity of foreman as well as assistant foreman while there. He was transferred to the Winder Department in 1947 and for a while was at our Fay-Scott plant in Dexter, Maine. He is presently employed in the Winder Department.

Sam spends most of his spare time working around the house, visiting his daughter who lives on a farm, and watching TV. His favorite programs are boxing and baseball. He lives at 149 East Street in town.

HENRY B. STUART

Henry B. Stuart, more familiarly known as Harry, missed being a leap year baby by one day when he was born in Henrysburg, Canada on February 28, 1888. He came to Whitinsville in April of 1906. His first job was on the Metal Pattern Job. Later he was transferred to the Tool Job. When the Wiring Job was inaugurated in 1912 he was appointed foreman. At the present time he is working on research and is a consultant on rings. He knows rings from "A to Z."

His hobbies have been raising flowers, playing golf, bowling and watching baseball. He is a member of the Whitin Golf Club, a charter member of the Credit Union and a member of its Board of Directors.

Harry has one son, Harry, Jr., who is a service man for Whitin. Harry and Mrs. Stuart live at 10 Summit Street, where they have made their home for the past thirty-four years.

ADOLPH MORIN

Adolph Morin was born in Moore's, N. Y., on May 18, 1883. Previous to coming to Whitinsville he resided in Webster. He entered the Whitin Machine Works in September of 1906, starting on the Needle Job. He has spent his entire period of employment in this department, working under Mr. Davis, Walter Harris, Alonzo Gill, Herman Spratt, Harry Drinkwater and Louis Hanson. He moved to the Linwood Mill when this department was combined with Department 451 several years ago.

His only outside activities over the years have been his vegetable and flower garden. He enjoys watching TV. He has been a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society for the past forty years. He and Mrs. Morin, who live at 14 Leland Road in town, have three daughters and two sons.

OLIVER H. COPELAND

Oliver H. Copeland was born in Thomaston, Maine, on July 11, 1882. He came to Whitinsville in November of 1906 and started to work in the Shop on the Small Card Job on November 9. He worked there until 1918 when he was appointed assistant foreman of the Card Cylinder Job. In 1942 he was transferred to the routing section of the Production Department, and in 1945, together with other members of the routing section, was transferred to Methods.

His only hobby has been gardening, and he has been a member of the Home Garden Club for many years. He enjoys watching TV, is a rabid Red Sox fan. He is an active member of the local Methodist Church and is on its Board of Trustees. He and Mrs. Copeland live at 12 Woodland Street in town.

THOMAS G. HAMILTON

Thomas G. Hamilton was born in Whitinsville on February 5, 1883, and has lived here all his life. His first job was that of a clerk in the store owned by Arthur Rienstra and R. K. Brown. He left this job to enter the Whitin Machine Works in December of 1906, and was the operator of the first telephone switchboard installed in the Shop. This was located in the Supply Room and was in charge of Newell Wood. Tom has worked in the Supply Room during his entire period of employment with the Shop and has been in charge of the department since January 1927.

His outside activities used to include checkers, chess, bowling and music, but of late he has confined his leisure time to the Whitin Male Glee Club. He was treasurer of the Whitin team in the old Blackstone Valley League. He is a charter member of the Credit Union and has been on its Board of Directors since the Credit Union was organized in 1932. He and Mrs. Hamilton live at 11 Forest Street in town.

Left: In recognition of his fifty years of service with the Whitin Machine Works, Sipke Oppewoll received a gold watch and the congratulations of Mr. E. Ken Swift, Sr. Right: Kenneth Benner, who joined the ranks of the forty year men. was presented his forty year service pin by Mr. J. Hugh Bolton

Whitin 40-50 Year Men Honored

On Thursday evening, May 17, the Whitin Machine Works held its annual banquet honoring our senior employees who have attained at least 40 years of service with the Company. As usual, Mr. P. B. Walker had transformed the Cafeteria into a festive banquet hall and had arranged for the serving of a sumptuous dinner. Two hundred and twenty-four senior employees were feted on this occasion.

After dinner, Mr. E. Kent Swift, Sr., greeted the senior employees and their guests, and then called upon Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, President of the Company, to address the assembly. Mr. Bolton stated that the banquet was significant not only because it honored employees having records of such remarkably long service with the Company, but also because the Company this year is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding. Few companies, Mr. Bolton said, could boast a continuous existence of 125 years, and fewer companies could claim that they have endured for so long a time in the same location. Still fewer businesses could point to the same type of manufactures as their product lines over so long a span of years. Yet, the Whitin Machine Works which began as a small enterprise, manufacturing textile preparatory machinery in Whitinsville 125 years ago, can now point to a vast industry which has developed in the same Village of Whitinsville and which has attained leadership among the industries supplying textile manufacturers with the most modern and most efficient machinery and equipment. This growth over a century and a quarter has not been accidental but has been due to the wisdom, prudence, business statesmanship and high character of the Whitin Family, principal owners of the Company. Despite wars, business recessions and national panics, and despite all the catastrophies and vicissitudes which afflicted our country during the past 125 years, the Whitin Machine Works has emerged strong in financial resources, in plant and equipment and in its science, skill and ability to serve its customers throughout the world. This industry with such humble beginnings in a small country village now gives gainful employment to many thousands of workers and its payrolls have enriched and enhanced not only Whitinsville but many other communities in an ever widening area of influence radiating from the Whitin Machine Works.

Mr. Bolton commended the Whitin Family for its character and foresightedness in not withdrawing all of the profits from the business but "plowing back" the greater portion of such profits to build an ever greater enterprise and to establish the firm's financial stability to carry it over periods of depression and other adversities. It takes vast sums of money to operate a business nowadays. Huge sums are required to meet the regu

larly recurring payrolls, to accumulate the large funds from which pensions must be paid, and to provide the many so-called "fringe benefits" for the employees of the Whitin Machine Works. When we add to these expenditures the money necessary to maintain the Plant, the tools and equipment, and the sums needed to provide materials, new tools, new equipment and additional buildings and facilities for research and manufacturing, the figures become astronomical.

To the policies of the Whitin Family, Mr. Bolton attributed the expansion and growth of the Company in the past and the assurance of its growth in the future.

Mr. Bolton then announced publicly for the first time that the Company after deliberating carefully about modernizing and expanding its facilities, has just decided to proceed this year with an extensive building program in Whitinsville. In concluding his short, extemporaneous address, Mr. Bolton expressed the hope that 125 years hence the Whitin Machine Works will still be a strong and prosperous enterprise in Whitinsville and that the stockholders, managers and employees of the Company then will praise us as we have praised our predecessors for the qualities and virtues which have made the Whitin Machine Works such a successful company.

After his address, Mr. Bolton presented 40-year service pins to the following new 40-year men present at the banquet, and congratulated them upon achieving such a splendid record of service: Kenneth E. Benner, Arthur Chabot, Wilfred Liberty, Arsene Racicot, Arshog Goshgarian, Abraham Ovian, Felix J. Gauthier, Irving Orrell, Konstanty Rymeski, Wilfred Vallee, Frank Zajonc, Newell S. Oliver, Rolandus C. Petty, Leon Garabedian, Wilfred St. Jean, Raymond F. Adams, John E. Lemoine, Richard O. Williams.

Mr. E. Kent Swift, Sr., then alluded to the fact that he has been associated with the Whitin Machine Works for almost half of the Company's 125 years. As a "55 year man," he stated, he is the firm's seventh most senior, active employee. In a voice filled with emotion he showed how, for more than two generations, his life and his work have been inextricably bound up with the Whitin Machine Works, with its employees, and with the community which bears the Whitin name. All around him he could see monuments of his endeavors and of the work of his associates. However, he held in most affectionate remembrance, the senior employees who with him had amassed the stupendous total of 12,728 years of service with their Company. Mr. Swift stated that six of his associates had served the Company for more than 60 years, seventy-five served from 50 to 60 years, and one hundred ninety-one had been in the employ of the Company from 40 to 50 years. Among the senior employees were several officers of the Company, besides Mr. Swift: Ralph E. Lincoln, Vice President, with 54 years of service; Robert I. Dalton, Sr., of Charlotte, North Carolina, Vice President, with 54 years of service; Robert G. McKaig, Assistant Secretary, with 49 years of service; and Sydney R. Mason, Secretary, with 45 years of service.

It was a return engagement for Virginia Hauer, singer of popular songs

Mr. Swift then proceeded with the presentation of gold, inscribed watches to the new 50-year men in recognition of their long and loyal service to the Company. He gave a short biography of each of the new 50-year men and congratulated them warmly as he presented their gold watches to: Lucien R. Blouin, Albert Buma, Dowell A. Corron, Nazaire D. Laferriere, Sipke Oppewall, Samuel Cleland, Henry B. Stuart, Adolph Morin, Oliver H. Copeland, Thomas G. Hamilton.

Upon conclusion of these ceremonies, Mr. Swift invited the veteran employees and their guests to adjourn to the western wing of the Cafeteria where they were entertained by a variety show staged by Adams & Soper of Boston.

Doris Bay in an act of controlled acrobatics

Something new in furs "Putting on the Dog"

272 LOYAL WHITIN EMPLOYEES

Have Given 12,728 Years of Continuous Service

Henry Groves and Edward C. Driscoll are two veterans who have accumulate more than 60 years of service in the Whitin Machine Works. Mr. Driscoll Whitin's most senior active employee

SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE

Active

Edward C. Driscoll ..... *December, 1895*

Retired

W. Ernest Booth, *January, 1888 to September 19, 195*
Dennis Mack, *July, 1881 to September 15, 1945*
Joseph Bouvier, *December, 1890 to June 27, 1952*
Henry Graves, *March, 1893 to December 31, 1953*
William Montgomery, *June, 1894 to May 31, 1954*

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE

Active

William McNeil ..... *October, 1898*
Peter T. Baker ..... *January, 1899*
Andrew Cahill ..... *April, 1899*
James F. Marshall ..... *April, 1900*
Stephen Machoian ..... *May, 1900*
E. Kent Swift ..... *September, 190*
Ralph E. Lincoln ..... *July, 1901*
Arthur St. Andre ..... *November, 190*
R. I. Dalton ..... *June, 1902*
Oscar Martin ..... *July, 1902*
John Pichette ..... *February, 190*
W. Winford Jones ..... *August, 1903*
Joseph Baillargeon ..... *June, 1904*

NEW FIFTY YEAR MEN. Front row, from the left: Lucien R. Blouin, Sipke Oppewall, Samuel Cleland, Oliver H. Copeland, Henry B. Stuart. Back row: Adolph Morin, Nazaire D. Laferriere, Dowell Corron, Thomas G. Hamilton, Albert Buma

James B. Forsythe ..... *June, 1904*
Esten Lermond ..... *November, 1904*
Albert Montgomery ..... *January, 1905*
Joseph Dumais ..... *June, 1905*
Arsan Ovoian ..... *July, 1905*
Harold Oakes ..... *September, 1905*
Louis R. Veau ..... *November, 1905*
Lucien R. Blouin ..... *April, 1906*
Albert Buma ..... *April, 1906*
Dowell A. Corron ..... *June, 1906*
Nazaire D. Laferriere ..... *June, 1906*
Sipke Oppewall ..... *June, 1906*
Samuel Cleland ..... *August, 1906*
Henry B. Stuart ..... *August, 1906*
Adolph Morin ..... *September, 1906*
Oliver H. Copeland ..... *November, 1906*
Thomas G. Hamilton ..... *December, 1906*

Retired

Jacob Deranian, *October, 1892 to July 3, 1952*
Henry J. Todd, *July, 1895 to March 1, 1954*
Thomas Fitzpatrick, *April, 1893 to October 1, 1951*
John F. Carroll, *January, 1883 to April 1, 1941*
Jacob Feddema, *May, 1892 to March 3, 1950*
George F. Hanna, *January, 1896 to August 13, 1953*
Earl Hanny, *October, 1895 to November 25, 1952*
Arthur Hall, *October, 1895 to August 18, 1952*

FIFTY THROUGH SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Thomas Fitzpatrick, George Forsythe, Samuel Finney, Adolph Roy, Stephen Machoian, Peter Baker, William McNeil, Sr., Thomas Crompton. Second row: Harold Oakes, Oscar Martin, Winford Jones, James Marshall, Louis Veau, James Finney, Arthur Hall, Henry Graves. Third row: John VanderBoon, John Blaine, Edward Driscoll, Andrew Cahill, Arthur Baillargeon, Joseph Baillorgeon, Broer DeVries, John Spencer, John Show

FIFTY THROUGH FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: E. Kent Swift, Sr., Robert I. Dolton, David Deranian, Exanapha Letourneau. Second row: James Forsythe, John Leech, William Sherry, Ralph E. Lincoln

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE (continued)

George Ferry, *June, 1895 to August 20, 1951*
Christopher Kane, *June, 1890 to May 3, 1946*
Rein Workman, *September, 1895 to October 1, 1951*
David Deranian, *May, 1889 to February 15, 1945*
Thomas Crompton, *June, 1889 to January 5, 1945*
Frank Roy, *1893 to July 2, 1948*
William McNaul, *June, 1895 to April 7, 1950*
William Deane, *March, 1898 to July 29, 1952*
Samuel Finney, *February, 1900 to July 1, 1954*
Dexter S. Wood, *October, 1891 to January 2, 1946*
Simeon Bourdon, *August, 1900 to June 25, 1954*
William Sherry, *March, 1896 to November 18, 1949*
John Leech, *May, 1899 to November 29, 1952*
Peter Goodhue, *November, 1887 to January 28, 1941*
Charles Nigohosian, *July, 1899 to August 18, 1952*
Adolph Roy, *April, 1900 to March 27, 1953*
George A. Forsythe, *July, 1899 to July 25, 1952*
John Vanderbaan, *November, 1900 to August 28, 1953*
William J. Forsythe, *June, 1901 to January 29, 1954*
Thomas P. Dunn, *June, 1901 to December 31, 1953*
John Shaw, *September, 1901 to December 31, 1953*
Robert Drohan, *June, 1898 to September 27, 1950*
Simon Chiras, *July, 1901 to August 15, 1953*
Exanapha Letourneau, *June, 1901 to July 21, 1953*
Albert F. Hewett, *June, 1892 to April 1, 1944*
Andrew Baird, *June, 1899 to December 29, 1950*
Oliver L. Bonoyer, *June, 1897 to September 18, 1948*
James B. Finney, *September, 1902 to November 27, 195*
Arthur Van Dyke, *May, 1901 to July 1, 1952*
Henry Ebbeling, *May, 1901 to June 27, 1952*
William V. Ledue, *December, 1902 to December 31, 195*
Thomas O'Connell, *September, 1899 to March 18, 1950*
Broer DeVries, *March, 1903 to April 24, 1953*
Charles Newton, *January, 1895 to January, 1945*
John Spencer, *August, 1899 to July 29, 1949*
Arthur Baillargeon, *March, 1905 to January 28, 1955*
John Blaine, *February, 1903 to August 8, 1952*

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE

Active

Harry Drinkwater ..... *June, 1907*
Arthur Jackman ..... *June, 1907*
Arthur Marshall ..... *June, 1907*
Robert G. McKaig ..... *June, 1907*
William Feddema ..... *October, 1907*
Chester Greenwood ..... *January, 1908*
Peter Michalik ..... *June, 1908*
Joseph J. Reneau ..... *November, 1908*
Moses Malkasian ..... *December, 1908*
Andon Asadoorian ..... *January, 1909*
Kachadoor Boghosian ..... *February, 1909*
David Magill ..... *April, 1909*
Philip Belanger ..... *June, 1909*
Jeremiah J. Foley ..... *July, 1909*
Garabed DerSarkisian ..... *August, 1909*
Michael Zylstra ..... *August, 1909*
Fred Cowburn ..... *November, 190*
Thomas H. Driscoll ..... *November, 190*
Edward L. Nuttall ..... *November, 190*
Walter Boutilier ..... *January, 191*
James Cahill ..... *February, 191*
Fred Kramer ..... *March, 1910*
Timothy Brosnahan ..... *April, 1910*
Dellar Duhamel ..... *April, 1910*
George Armston ..... *May, 1910*
Harold Kane ..... *June, 1910*
Leroy Clarke ..... *July, 1910*
Sydney R. Mason ..... *July, 1910*
Archie Fournier ..... *October, 1910*
John Leonard ..... *February, 191*
John Dufries ..... *April, 1911*
Octave LeBlanc ..... *October, 1911*
Frank Maguire ..... *November, 191*
James Gusney ..... *January, 191*

NEW FORTY YEAR MEN. Front row, from the left: Wilfred St. Jean, Felix Gauthier, Arthur Chabot, Wilfred Vallee, Raymond Adams, Rolandus Petty, Kenneth Benner, Konstanty Rymeski. Second row: Arsene Racicot, John Lemoine, Leon Garabedian, Wilfred Liberty, Abraham Ovian, Newell Oliver, Irving Orrell. Absent when photograph was taken: Louis Pieleski, Albert Haslam, Forrest Peck

Toros Shaharian ..... *January, 1912*
Paul Rutana ..... *February, 1912*
Harry Kearnan ..... *February, 1912*
Lester Hewett ..... *March, 1912*
Albin W. Nelson ..... *March, 1912*
James Spence ..... *April, 1912*
Charles T. Noble ..... *April, 1912*
Joseph Berkowicz ..... *June, 1912*
Israel Ovian ..... *June, 1912*
John Rutanna ..... *June, 1912*
Robert S. Wilson ..... *June, 1912*
Peter Kurek ..... *June, 1912*
Robert K. Brown, 2nd ..... *July, 1912*
Harry Alger ..... *July, 1912*
Louis Hanson ..... *September, 1912*
John Lamont ..... *October, 1912*
Garabed Bedrosian ..... *October, 1912*
Michael DerKosrofian ..... *December, 1912*
James S. Ferry ..... *December, 1912*
Raymond Kelliher ..... *January, 1913*
Sigurd H. Helland ..... *February 1913*
Alexander Jogsma ..... *March, 1913*
Arthur Lawrence ..... *March, 1913*
Cecil Baker ..... *April, 1913*
Peter Kooistra ..... *July, 1913*
Robert Hargreaves ..... *July, 1913*
Dick Malkasian ..... *August, 1913*
Benjamin G. Scott ..... *August, 1913*
Jacob Youngsma ..... *September, 1913*
Bernard DeVries ..... *January, 1914*
G. Denton Simmons ..... *January, 1914*
Harry Bailey ..... *February, 1914*
Leroy Rollins ..... *March, 1914*
Richard Felson ..... *April, 1914*
Fred Muse ..... *April, 1914*
Peter Bedigian ..... *June, 1914*

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: Edward Bibeau, Cecil Baker, Andon Asadoorian, Michael Derkosrafian, Hagop Batekian, Octave LeBlanc, Sydney Mason, John Branigan. Second row: Robert Brown, John Dufries, Andrew Trasavage, Flavius Ames, John Moscofian, Willis Winchenbach, Harold Warren, Joseph Cheechi. Third row: Robert Wilson, Jacob Jongsma, Felix Jongsma, Alvin Nelson, Fred Cramer, Richard Felson, Joseph Berkowicz, John Baker

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: Leon Garabedian, Fred Cowburn, Archie Fournier, Edward Jennings, Philip Farrell Thomas Driscoll. Second row: Michael Zylstra, James Ferry, Casper Hagopian, James Jones, Robert McKaig, James Krull, Frank Rybak, Robert Lamont

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE (continued)

Joseph Checchi ..... *June, 1914*
Edward Kane ..... *June, 1914*
Arthur Leavitt ..... *August, 1914*
Roupen Degermanjian ..... *October, 1914*
Albert Charbonneau ..... *November, 1914*
Flavius Ames ..... *December, 1914*
William Skillen ..... *January, 1915*
Edward Bibeau ..... *March, 1915*
Henry C. Courteau ..... *April, 1915*
Lewis P. Kenney ..... *April, 1915*
Raymond H. Barlow ..... *May, 1915*
Bazil Konvent ..... *May, 1915*
John Baker ..... *June, 1915*
Charles N. Barney ..... *June, 1915*
Leon Garabedian ..... *June, 1915*
Milton W. Philbrook ..... *June, 1915*
Frank Rybak ..... *June, 1915*
Albert E. Gill ..... *August, 1915*
Frank Nastor ..... *August, 1915*
Victor G. St. Andre ..... *September, 1915*
Charles C. Willard ..... *September, 1915*
Felix Youngsma ..... *September, 1915*
Hoogas Hoogoian ..... *October, 1915*
Martin J. Sharkey ..... *October, 1915*
P. Frank Shugrue ..... *October, 1915*
Leland A. Hemenway ..... *November, 1915*
Joseph N. Leclair ..... *November, 1915*
Harold C. Warren ..... *November, 1915*
Earle E. Hammond ..... *November, 1915*
John A. Nelson ..... *December, 1915*
Louis Pieleski ..... *January, 1916*
Albert H. Haslam ..... *February, 1916*
Kenneth E. Benner ..... *February, 1916*
Arthur Chabot ..... *March, 1916*
Wilfred Liberty ..... *March, 1916*
Arsene Racicot ..... *March, 1916*
Arshog Goshgarian ..... *April, 1916*
Abraham Ovian ..... *April, 1916*
Forest D. Peck ..... *April, 1916*
Felix J. Gauthier ..... *June, 1916*
Irving Orrell ..... *June, 1916*
Konstanty Rymeski ..... *June, 1916*
Wilfred Vallee ..... *June, 1916*
Frank Zajonc ..... *June, 1916*
Newell S. Oliver ..... *July, 1916*
Rolandus C. Petty ..... *July, 1916*
Leon Garabedian ..... *August, 1916*
Wilfred St. Jean ..... *August, 1916*
Raymond F. Adams ..... *November, 1916*
John E. Lemoine ..... *December, 1916*
Richard O. Williams ..... *December, 1916*

Retired

Arthur Prince, *January, 1905 to July 30, 1954*
Albertus Lafleur, *December, 1895 to March 29, 1945*
Napoleon Turgeon, *May, 1902 to July 15, 1951*
Joseph Courteau, *November, 1905 to November 24, 195*
Hugh Brown, *June, 1906 to April 29, 1955*
Stephen Chiras, *June, 1905 to March 26, 1954*
Titus Cooper, *June, 1904 to February 15, 1953*
Felix Herbin, *June, 1906 to December 31, 1954*
Fred Matthewman, *July, 1896 to October 1, 1944*
John Moscofian, *August, 1906 to September 30, 1954*

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

In a parking lot, two cars parked so close to Foreman Eddie Horan's car that he had difficulty getting in. He had to reach inside, release the brake and roll the car forward.

John "Boom Boom" DeBoer told this reporter how he became a third baseman. John, pitching in the Shop Softball League, had the bases loaded and two strikes on the batter who had fouled off four fast pitches. John figured a change up would catch him off guard. It caught John's leftfielder off guard also, as the next pitch went sailing over his head for a grand slam.

Paint Job Drippings: Peter Michalik retired on April 6 after working on the Paint Job for 45 years. He was presented a cedar chest containing 45 silver dollars from his co-workers. . . . Louis Mercure is the new painter on the job. . . . Sickness has really hit the brush wielders with Al Lucier, Frank Deveau, Donald Henry and Al Hoekstra all on the sick list at this writing.

Creel Job Shavings: Al Grillo and Leo Ledue were in the hospital recently for surgery. . . . A follow-up on last month's fish story: "Mickey" Michalik made the biggest catch on opening day and Frank Shea has a fishhook scar on his scalp to prove it.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Mr. Arthur Litke presented 10-year service pins to Edward Fontaine and Wilbur Desjardin, and a 15-year pin to Ralph Walsh. . . . Many happy returns of the day to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walsh who celebrated their 36th anniversary April 11 and to Mr. and Mrs. George Vincent who celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on May 31. . . . Armand A. Bernier has left us to work in Cumberland, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baldwin attended a party in their honor on Saturday evening, April 28. The occasion was to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin's last weekend before sailing for England where they will spend ten weeks with relatives.

Mr. Chester Roaf was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club at the Blue Eagle Inn on April 24. Chester, together with Mr. Edwin Stevens who is employed on the Spindle Job, exhibited a beehive and spoke on the process and history of bees. Mr. Roaf and Mr. Stevens have ten hives at present and they expect to go into beekeeping on a larger scale in the future.

Newcomers to the job this month are Raymond Blanchette, Noel Rondeau, Eugene Menard, William Degnan, Jr., Gerald Mazzarella, Mizzy Misakian, Edgar Browning, Roland Brisson, Armand Methet, Sr., and Sheldon Davis.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Many happy returns to Maria Donatelli, Clarence Visser and Edward Plante who celebrate birthdays in June. Eddie will be out of the Service soon. . . . Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Donat Bileau, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGovern who celebrate wedding anniversaries this month. . . . Ralph Houghton is still serving on jury duty in Boston. Ray Fullerton has returned from several days spent at the Foundry Convention in Atlantic City, N. J. . . . Al Sutcliffe's nose still gives him a little trouble as an aftermath of his recent accident, but he can take solace in the fact that he has another Dodge to show for his discomfort—a green and ivory 1952 model. No more solid, unconventional, but uncommon black for Al. . . . Robert Gonynor's four-and-a-half year old son, Robert, Jr., has been hospitalized at St. Vincent's in Worcester with rheumatic fever. He is now recuperating at home. Since his return home Bob's wife Bette has had German measles along with one of the children. At last check, everyone had recovered from the measles. . . . With the advent of our belated warm spring weather, our gardeners, fishermen, baseball enthusiasts, softball addicts, etc., have all blossomed forth and those who aren't following their own particular bent are busy trying to figure out the way, when and where of that third week's vacation.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Vacation time is approaching. . . . It is good to see some of the older retired men coming in for visits and to hear they enjoyed the annual banquet given in their honor by the Whitin Machine Works. . . . A special bouquet this month is rated by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Carpentier, the parents of nine children. Quiet, reserved, and responsible "Gabby" is both an experienced erector and a good scraper hand. The Carpentiers own their own home at 495 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. . . . Carol Messier, who must be all of 5′ 1″, is the new timekeeper for Card Erecting, Storesroom No. 8, and the heavy machining section of Department 433. . . . Even though fishing season is officially here, Bernard Kelliher was amazed, after so many near misses, to find himself possessed of a 14″ trout. . . . Bromley is interested in the increase in the Sutton tax rate. . . . We gardeners wish Harry Cornell's bad leg would improve. . . . Bob Gellatly is at home with a leg fracture. . . . The Home Garden Club Committee deserves a word of praise. . . . May birthdays were celebrated by Rapisardi Bosco, Leo Bellville, Albert Bowyer, and by Foreman Edward Marshall. . . . Wedding anniversaries were observed by George Robbins, Leopaul Gamelin, and Jake Haringa.

When Peter Michalik retired from the Paint Job on April 27, he received a treasure chest containing shiny silver dollars. The presentation was made by Foreman Edward Nuttall. Peter has been employed here since 1910

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Birthday greetings for May and June go to George Audio, Joe Majeau, Archie Fournier, Bill Blanchette, Leo Joanis, Marion Larsen, and Mike Zylstra. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier. . . . Good luck to Mike Ostak in his new job. Mike is training to be a rate setter. . . . Milt Murray is the proud owner of a green '48 Chevy. . . . George Audio was recently installed as president of the (F.O.E.) order of Eagles in Uxbridge. . . . Henry Kelley, painter of 445, has been transferred to 448 and his replacement is John Jussaume. . . . We have started building our new home on Bates Street in Mendon. It's a five room ranch type and we plan to move in by September.

CAST IRON AND RATTLER ROOMS

by Elizabeth Sherman

Isaiah Lindsey has returned to work after being out sick with pneumonia. . . . All the boys at Department 405 went out on a party Friday, April 27. The party was held at Vermette's Cafe, Woonsocket. From the enthusiastic reports we received, the party was a huge success and plans are in progress for another real soon. . . . Edward St. Jean has a new car this month. It is a 1953 Pontiac Catalina. . . . Stanley Chudy and his wife celebrated Mother's Day by dining out at Adams Steak House in Worcester. From there they went to the Holland Cafe and were interviewed over Station WORC in Worcester. . . . Joe Usher hopes everyone has noticed his streamlined waistline. He has been on a diet for three weeks and has lost fourteen pounds. Joe certainly has will-power. . . . Agnes Picard celebrated her birthday on May 9. Paul Lambert celebrated his 23rd birthday April 26. Albert Cummings and Bettye Bolivar celebrated their birthdays May 14.

NOTICE

There is a small surplus of souvenir employee banquet programs still available. Copies may be obtained at the SPINDLE Office.

Bernard Shaw has been working hard week ends in his cranberry bog at the Cape. He has been coming in with his arms covered with scratches—bull briars—he says.

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Maurice Valois, a captain in the Air Force Reserve, has returned from a two-week training period as a navigator at Bedford Air Force Base. During World War II, Maurice served as a P-38 pilot in the Southwest Pacific area. Maurice lives in Manville with his wife and two children. . . . Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lubas who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on May 11. . . . Dick Kelliher, former inspector, is now working for Pryce Fletcher and is learning tree surgery. . . . We have two new inspectors on the job, Gilbert Heureux and Bob Tellier.

Our softball team is off to a slow start, and now has an 0–4 record. We will definitely say one thing in favor of our ball club. As far as we know, it is the *only* club made up entirely of players from its own department. We believe that's how it should be!!

Welcome back, "Con" Van Brug, after a two-month leave of absence.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

It was nice to see Bob Lawson back again for a visit. Bob worked in our department from 1913 to 1955 when he retired. . . . Cliff Boutiette is back after serving on jury duty for five weeks. He said it was quite an experience. . . . "Mickey" Brennen has been out on sick leave for a month. . . . We hope to see Frank Blakely soon, after his recent illness. . . . Bob Brodie recently reported a stolen car. A friend had moved the car around the corner to Forest Street.

Hank Bardol accidentally picked up the wrong lunch box. Because of this "accident"—one of the night men had to go without lunch that night. We think Hank owes him a free meal!

Jim Colton is the proud owner of a 1930 Ford coupe. He tells us that it is an antique, but it looks real sharp! It has a new paint job, new upholstery, a re-built motor, and new tires—and only 306 miles on it! . . . Dick LeMay is back with us again after serving four years in the Air Force. While stationed in England, he met and married an English girl. . . . Nice to see Joe Goulet back with us again.

Congratulations to Felix Gauthier on receiving his 40-year pin, to Fred Lafrancois on receiving his 25-year pin, and to Albert Brunelle on receiving his 15-year pin.

Best wishes to the following who are celebrating birthdays this month: Yvonne Sauve, Kenneth Sherman, Reginald O'Rourke, Albert Brunelle, Anthony De Carlo, Joanna Valk, Henry Bardol, Gerald Baker, Joseph Bartlett, Errol Fisher, and Charles Pendleton.

Congratulations to all those having anniversaries this month—Walter Lanagan, Clarence Aldrich, Peter Vandersloot, Walter Kilgour, Dean McKinnon, Sylvio Brunette, James McQuilken, Wilfred Rivet, George Kane, Frank Blakely, Clifford Goyette, Louis Laferniere, John Flynn, Philip Remillard, Alfred Gutowski, and Donald Simmons, Jr.

We would like to wish everyone a good vacation since this will be the last issue of the SPINDLE before vacation. Don't forget to tell your reporter about all the vacation places that were visited.

Harry Thompson retired from Department 420 on April 27 after working here since 1929. Foreman Peter Jongsma presented him with a purse on behalf of his friends and associates

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

by Stanley W. Krula

The fish stories are starting tc roll in, but Foreman Alvin Goyette is beyond the story-telling stage—he's actually catching them. Al has not yet returned from Riley's pond with less than two or three trout. He is also doing quite well with the pout.

We've whittled down the sick list, and now we have just one man out. He is Falida Chenevert, and, as with everyone, we wish him too a speedy recovery. . . . A 5-year service pin went this month to Jacques Ehret. . . . Alvin Goyette's son Donald is home on furlough from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Don has recently completed a course at the Helicopter Mechanic School at Gary Air Force Base, Texas, and is now in service training at Fort Sill. He has had many interesting experiences in this very important part of our Army and enjoys his work very much. Before too long he expects to further his training overseas. Don entered the service a month after graduation from Northbridge High School in 1955.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Leaving the department because of lack of work are Harry Megerdichian and Gilles Beauchamp. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors. . . . Ed Vadenais either pleasantly surprised or frightened a girl recently. At the Quaker Drive-In with his wife, he left her to get popcorn. Returning, thinking he had reached his car, he got in, offered the girl the popcorn, then, at the girl's gasp, discovered he had gotten into a car similar to his own. . . . Jim Dorsey recently became the proud owner of a '54 Ford, but he's going to let Mary do the driving, with his assistance from the back seat. His big problem of where to locate the gas tank cap was solved after four trips around the car. He found it under the number plate. . . June anniversary greetings go to Benny and Mrs. Oles, and to Paul and Mrs. Roy. . . . Ralph Nolet's daughter, Betty, enjoyed the honor of being crowned "Queen of Lincoln" at the final dance held by her class in Lincoln, Rhode Island. She and the King were presented trophies and prizes.

CARD SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

by Dorica Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on April 17. . . . We welcome the return of Edward Guertin and Robert Miller. Robert Miller was discharged from the Marines last month. . . . This is certainly the month for birthdays. Birthday greetings to Fred Baker, Grace Griffin, Edward Ciccone, Walter Duso, William Javery, Alex Lavallee and John Sotek.

Donald Goyette, son of Alvin Goyette of Department 660, recently completed the Helicopter Mechanic's School at Gary Air Force Base, Texas

Rita Deome's bowling team, the Waves, won the championship. Congratulations. . . . It was a roll-off between the Waves and the Navy. Millie Turgeon bowls for the Navy which won the first half. . . . We welcome Germaine Bogie to 422.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Vacation time is nearly with us and a pleasant vacation to all of you. Don't forget to use your cameras. Surely one picture in eight should be good for publication.

Congratulations to Ed Morel and wife on their 37th wedding anniversary. . . . Gloria Cousineau has received her driver's license. . . . Our woman bowler of the "Spars" team came in with another award, a fountain pen desk set. Congratulations again, Alice. . . . Sid Frieswyk also got an award for bowling.

Birthday greetings to Pete Kooistra who seems to be the only June baby left excepting your reporter, who was born on Marilyn Monroe's birthday.

YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

by William Scanlon

Chick Farrand is building a new rowboat. He already has a motorboat. Chick spends a good deal of his spare time on Webster Lake where he owns a cottage. . . . In hunting circles Pete Prymak, Slim Stairs, Mel Young and Ken Stanley, known as the big four, will have to look to their laurels as Joe Limoli has invaded the field. . . . Charlie Commons and Baldy White have returned to work after a few weeks of absence due to illness. . . . Leon Todd has bought a new Ford. He expects to travel considerably this summer. . . . Archie Bolivar is a very busy man, working in his garden and planting around the house. His garden and yard always look tops. . . . Two new men, Gilles Beauchamp and Norman DeConning, have been added to Department 665. They were formerly in the Shop. . . . Louis Yacino and Bill Boileau have been transferred to the Packing Job.

YOU'RE INVITED

As most employees of the Whitin Machine Works know, the Whitin Male Glee Club has achieved a fine reputation for the excellent concerts it has given under its gifted Director, C. Alexander Peloquin. These concerts have provided Whitinsville and other communities with superb music, and have benefited the treasuries of their civic, educational and eleemosynary institutions.

As the Glee Club is preparing for its fall season, its members wish to extend to the other men in the Plant the opportunity to join the Glee Club and to share the pleasure of recreating fine music, to share in the good fellowship of the club, to share in its proud performances, and to share in the satisfaction of service to good causes.

Men, you don't have to sing like a Caruso or a Chaliapin to be welcomed by the Glee Club. If you like to sing you undoubtedly belong in our chorus. Don't be modest about it—tell Don Amiro of Wage Standards, or Henry Crawford of Personnel, or me, or any other Glee Club member! We'll gladly welcome you!

We rehearse in the Assembly Hall of the Fire Station on Monday evening, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Come and join in the fun and entertainment. Don't miss a chance to participate in such pleasant and such rewarding recreation.

"Tad" Wallace
Production Department

PLANT SHUTDOWN FOR VACATIONS

1956 Vacation Pay—Over Half Million Dollars

All departments of the Whitin Machine Works will be closed for a two weeks' vacation beginning Monday, July 2, 1956. This means the Shop will be shut down for vacation purposes from the end of the respective shifts on Friday, June 29, 1956, up to and including Sunday, July 15, 1956. Work will be resumed on Monday, July 16, 1956.

A total of $532,644 in vacation pay will be distributed to eligible employees. Details of the time and place of such distribution will be announced by the Payroll Department at a later date.

Almost one thousand employees, who have at least twenty years' seniority, are eligible for an additional third week of vacation. This additional vacation allowance will be granted by special arrangement with the heads of departments.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Several members of the department celebrated wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malo, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Departie, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Alphege Lozier, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Farrar and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turgeon. . . . Nancy Britten, Lorraine Dufault, and friends occupied Box Number 46 at the Boston Opera House to hear the performance of "Aida" sung by the members of the Metropolitan Opera Company. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Emile Merchant, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Picard, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Picard motored to Boston to attend the showing of "Cinerama Holiday." . . . New faces around the Freight House: Louis Yacino, Willie Boileau and Truman H. Pierce. . . . Mr. Chester Farrar was the recipient of a nice trophy for being secretary of the K. of C. Bowling League at the annual banquet held at Treasure Island Club in Webster, Mass. . . . Richard Benner and Chester Farrar traded in their cars for 1954 Plymouths. . . . Congratulations to Theodore M. Wilga upon receiving his ten-year pin. . . . Joseph White at this writing is in the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . Raymond Gourd is recuperating at home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby have moved into their new house. . . . Alfred "Pat" Desjourdy has taken up golf.

As part of Whitin's continuing program of removing possible safety hazards, a new doorway has been provided at the end of Department 416. Passing traffic might have endangered those emerging from the former entrance

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Did You Know That . . . Arthur J. Mercier was at one time a big political boss in this area. . . . Jimmy Fitzgerald was at one time on the Police Force in the town of Northbridge. . . . Alfred "Sheriff" Nichols was a Post and District Commander in the American Legion at one time. . . . Gene Closson was at one time Civil Defense Director for Upton. . . . Hap Woeller was at one time a member of the exclusive Audubon, New Jersey, auxiliary police rifle and pistol team. . . . Francis Finn was president of the Driving and Riding Club of Grafton. . . . Aldor St. Germain was a feature stock car driver at the Norwood Racing Arena. . . . John Steele obtained a State of Massachusetts Milk Tester's license, good for life when in high school. . . . Ronald Bibeault met the leader of the U. S. Marine Corps band. . . . Francis Poitras wor top blue ribbon honors, four years in succession, at the Lunenburg Art School. . . . Rene Rock is a speed-boat enthusiast and has his own 16-footer. . . . If you like this section, we will feature more next time

We extend our apologies to Pete Montville. Last month we reported he was celebrating his 69th birthday. It should have been his 59th birthday.

Vacation Chit-Chats. . . . Paul Grenier will see Lake George, New York; John Kortecamp, Maurice P. Valois and A St. Germain will take daily trips around the surrounding states; John Steele wil travel to Washington, D.C.; James Fitz gerald and Herman Woeller will stay a home; Herman Hathaway will hide in Vermont; Jerry Lemire will kiss Virginia (the state); following Hathaway in the Vermont woods will be Gus Vanhouwe while Sheriff Nichols will swim at St Petersburg, Florida; Art J. Mercier will b fishing in Maine, Ottawa and New Hamp shire; James Colton will take pictures fo the SPINDLE at Hyannis, Cape Cod; an Fran Poitras will try his oil brushes at th Cape; George Vacher will visit Nort Carolina while Henry Slim Charron wi trek through Maine and Canada in his ne Chevy; Lorenzo Boulanger, not to be out done, sez he's going to "the ole country c Canada." . . . In the meantime, Pos Commander Emile Aussant will attend th State American Legion Convention i Boston, and then proceed to Montreal an New York; Gene Closson will relax i Maine and sweat in New York, and ou Gus Menard will return home in Canad to return one day late . . . and last bu not least our Alice Warren of Stockroom 2 will travel the furthest to San Francisc California, and will attend the Republica Convention while visiting her son in th Armed Forces.

Whatever you do during vacation . . please drive carefully and come back to u alive . . . enjoy your vacation!

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

New faces in the departments: In Department 446 there are three newcomers. Ray Lepin, a former employee who left to become manager of a dairy, has returned. A resident of Mapleville, R. I., a member of the Mapleville Volunteer Fire Company rescue squad, vice-president of the Northern Rhode Island Firemen's League, he is one of the seven hundred persons who hold the Rhode Island Governor's Conference Badge for outstanding rescue work. . . . Fritz Herbert, who was originally from Bay Ridge, N. Y., and who recently received his Navy discharge, now calls Upton his home. . . . Ernest Brissette, who some years ago was employed in Storesroom No. 2, has returned after working in textile mills and doing construction work in Florida. . . . In Department 421, William C. Andrews of Uxbridge is a newcomer. He was formerly a maintenance man at the Uxbridge Worsted Company.

William O'Brien and Arsene Racicot have returned to work. . . . Mrs. Hank Pontbriant is recuperating at home after undergoing a major operation at the Milford Hospital. . . . Buster Caswell, who is recuperating from an operation at the Worcester Memorial Hospital, was in on a visit. . . . Frank Magowan was happy to find a billfold which he had mislaid in a pair of old trousers. . . . Roadman Bob Cotnoir is now driving a new '56 Dodge. . . . John Skeary nearly always wins first prize at the whist parties. . . . On April 28, Frank Adams finally caught his first trout of the year. . . . John Sulyma lost eleven pounds in a bout with the virus. . . . Vassel Baker and Mrs. Baker celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by enjoying a turkey dinner with their children and grandchildren. . . . Waldo Forsythe caught fifty fairly large flounder in Orleans Bay, Cape Cod. . . . Mike Swiscz has yet to catch one this year. . . . While in search of tools with which to repair his player piano, Leo Blanchet was astounded to hear the piano playing. It had been repaired by his small son, Dennis.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

On April 23 we welcomed to our department Wallace I. Lee, who was formerly associated with Plant Security. He has taken up his duties in the gas truck garage while George McCann now works in the electric truck garage, replacing Wilfred Courteau. Wilfred is still out on sick leave and is not expected back for some time. We were glad to see him in for a visit the latter part of April. . . . Philip Rae's baby daughter, Barbara Jean, was confined to The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, for a short time. She is now back home. . . . Tom Mateer's wife was bedridden for several weeks with a heart condition. She is now making steady progress towards recovery at The Memorial Hospital. . . . On May 9 we bid farewell to Joseph Yerka of our Foundry electricians. Joe has gone to work for the Shell Molding Machine Company in West Springfield. . . . On May 5, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Robie, Sr., welcomed their fourth grandson, Eric John, born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Robie, Jr.

Of our many fishermen, only one has reported a catch to us. Soon after the fishing season opened, Red Bartlett caught seven trout at the Blackstone Rod and Gun Club pond. The largest one was sixteen inches long. . . . Bob Blackburn recently moved into his new home in Upton. John Wright also moved to Upton.

Vacations are already in the news as Jim Daubney and his wife plan a month's stay in England during July and August. Jim is keeping us up to date on all the necessary preliminaries, including the shots and the passport pictures. . . . Our congratulations go to Al Couture, who has received his 10-year service pin. . . . No more new cars for this department, but Tom Shaw now has a 1950 Pontiac which is new to him.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is William O'Neil of the Tool Job. On the right is a speedy youth of yesteryear

SPINDLE JOB

by Jim Robbins and John Visbeck

Vic Gervais was surprised to open his lunch bag and find only a head of lettuce. He had picked up the wrong bag that morning. . . . Florence Hayward has returned from a two-week vacation spent with relatives in Georgia. She has quite a few tales to tell about her experiences in the South. . . . After a ten-week sick leave to recuperate from an operation, Albert Perry has returned. . . . It is hoped that our two Yankee fans, Paul and Tommy, will shortly be enrolled in the Red Sox Booster Club. . . . Vacation time is approaching. We hope the members of Department 439 will cooperate with us by giving us their vacation destinations. . . . On visiting his summer cottage on Echo Lake, Pascoag, Earl Moore found that a partridge had occupied it for the winter. The bird, which had entered through a broken window, had laid seven eggs on the divan. . . . Elmer Farley has returned to his old job in charge of assembly. . . . After twenty years of service, William Rivet plans to retire on June 29.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

The reason our department has not had a column for the past two months is that no news was reported. Let's turn over a new leaf. Vacation period is very close. Let us know where you've been and bring back some snapshots for publication. . . . Department 429's softball team is off to a good start. This year's strengthened team is comprised of Moe Deshaies, Jake Sohigian, Don Gauthier, Jack Young, Al Emond, Gerry Levitre, Billy Robbins, Norman Pouliot, Crocky Garabedian, Norman Gagnon, Edmund Leduc, Al Hoekstra, and Walt Aslanian. . . . Moe Deshaies has left us to work in the Drafting Room. . . . Edgar Baker suffered minor injuries recently. . . . Dave Clark, who was out for a brief period, has returned to work. . . . Foreman Johnny Dufries has been transferred to the Production Department. . . . Ed Malhoit is our new foreman with Henry Krawczyk as his acting assistant. . . . Floor inspector Claude Auclair has been promoted to a night group leader's assignment. . . . George Colt has returned to St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Wilfred St. Jean will complete forty years with Whitin in August. . . . Johnny Campbell has returned after an illness. . . . George Poulin, Doc Morin, Remi Roy, Junior Boucher and a few others were rained out of a Red Sox ball game. . . . Norman Sherman has left us to work elsewhere. . . . Welcome to all the department's newcomers.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Bernice Taylor

Golf is in the air. The following is a list of the golf teams of the Research Golf League:

Team 1: K. Stanley, L. Tosoonian, and T. Cody.

Team 2: Z. Szaloki, C. May, and J. Hapworth.

Team 3: J. Laczynski, F. Kelliher, and R. Manning.

Team 4: T. Marshall, W. Campbell, and R. Blakely.

Team 5: T. Mateer, G. Gigargian, and T. Giemza.

Team 6: R. Gautreau, D. Corron, and J. Kelliher.

Competition is very keen this year. Individual scores are also being kept, so there will be a high scorer for the season.

Happy birthday greetings to Joe Kostka and Carl Brandt. And anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Caron, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strang, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Manning. . . . Added attraction to the parking lot is Bill Werth's new "Chevvy," in two-tone green. . . . Special congratulations this month to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gaczynski—on May 3, 1956, they both became citizens of the United States. . . . Wally Caron gave a lecture in May at the North Carolina Vocational Textile School in Belmont, N. C. The text was "The Value of Practical Testing." Following the meeting there was a panel discussion. . . . And once again it will soon be vacation time. Let us know your vacation plans so we can keep the SPINDLE News up-to-date.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

It didn't take long for your reporter to find out that he misspelled the names of Sophie Sobon and Alice Kelley. Hope I have them right this time, girls! . . . Birthday greetings this month to Douwe Fekkes, Robert McNaul, and Marcel Pouliot.

We knew that it was about time for the brush cut to start. The best one we have seen so far belongs to Marcel Pouliot. . . . Pete Babowitch doesn't believe it's possible to change a motor in a car in one day. It took him two weeks in his spare time. . . . After spending hours planting his garden, George Cartier found he had planted on another man's land.

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

When it was time to go home recently, Bob Larochelle of the night crew couldn't get the keys in the ignition. He had the wrong car. . . . Andy Frieswick is in St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Don Kafalas is our new office clerk. . . . Among the baseball fans, Joe Prior is leading the Yankee parade. The Red Sox fans are just hoping. . . . Welcome to Bernard Dinagen of the night crew. . . . Our new crib attendant is Earl O'Dell. . . . Assistant Foreman Henry Daubney found the one-week Foundry Convention in Atlantic City very interesting.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

Foundry Production Control: Captain A Guidotti of the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Savannah, Georgia, recently visited hi friends in Foundry Wage Standards. . . Dianne Vincent, eldest daughter of Re Vincent, was a recent patient at St. Vin cent's Hospital, Worcester. . . . Congrat ulations to Russ Lupien on receiving hi 5-year service pin. . . . Light the birth day candles this month for Tom Queenar Bob Ferry and Red Vincent. . . . I June the "month-of-the-brides," we wis to extend greetings for the following: 18t anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sears 11th anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Georg Vincent; 10th anniversary, Mr. and Mr Bill Mayberry.

Core Room: Birthday greetings this mont go to Marinus Bosma and George Steine . . . We welcome to our departmer Charles Dion, Wilfred P. Brunelle, Howar J. Brown, Sr., Richard King, and Maurice Gagnon. . . . Vaughn Harding has r turned from his trip to California, and feeling much better. . . . Congratulatio go to Newell S. Oliver, John E. Lemoi and Abraham Ovian on receiving their 4 year service pins last month. . . . W are glad to have Norman Gendron back wi us again after his brief illness.

Our Foreman, Gerrit H. Ebbeling spe several days at Atlantic City, attending t American Foundry Society's 60th Annu Castings and Congress Show.

At the time of his transfer from 429, Foreman John Dufries received a purse of money, the gift of friends. The presentation was made by Divisional Superinte ent William Steele. In his new capacity, John will carry out a special assignment for Department 465 which should result in prompter service for our custom

Sidney Baker, Tool Job, and Mrs. Baker celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 13. On the preceding day they were feted at a surprise party at the Grist Mill, Seekank

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Phil Larsen, Jr., cutter grinder supervisor, was transferred to Department 451 to be a supervisor under Byron Deane. John Corosian, night supervisor, to be supervisor of the cutter grinding room and John Bosma, repair man, to be night supervisor. . . . The Tool Job Benefit Club held their annual banquet, Saturday, May 19, in the Progressive Club of Uxbridge with 150 attending. A turkey and ham dinner was catered by Mrs. Nadeau of Northbridge. Matt Quigley and his troop presented variety acts and dancing followed. . . . Raymond Girard, miller, was sent to the store for a bottle of milk but came home with a loaf of bread and a dozen donuts. The next morning he reported to work at six instead of seven.

. . . The night supervisors and their wives dined out at the Embassy Club in Woonsocket, one of their quarterly outings. . . . Phil Skillen, cutter grinder, was seen pouring gas into his ear on the other end of Fletcher Street one evening. He claims it was his wife that had the ear. . . . Lo and behold, the Tool Job Softball Team beat Department 417 for their first win in two years. . . . Martin Jorritsma, a W.M.W. apprentice school graduate with fifteen years' service, has resigned and is now driving a truck for Rosenfeld.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Department 451: Lillian Scott received her 20-year pin. . . . Foreman Louis Hanson received a radio upon his retirement. . . . Our new Foreman is Mickey Deane. . . . The welcome mat was out the past month for Raymond Deseoteaux, Raymond Legassey, Russell Melanson, Albert Forget, and Joseph Sauve. . . . Birthday candles were lit for Florence Gamelin, Annie Malkasian, Adeline Montgomery, Alfred Tebeau, and Stella Nowak.

Department 450: During a recent noon hour, "Bring 'em Back Alive" Bosma captured a forty-eight inch black water snake. . . . Edward and Mrs. Jones celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary by having dinner with relatives and friends at the Colonial Club on May 13. . . . June birthday greetings to time clerk Betty Ranslow. . . . Ernie Riedle's father has returned home from the Milford Hospital. . . . J. Gordon Demague has taken up painting and paper hanging as pastimes. . . . George and Mrs. Ranslow observed their fourth wedding anniversary on June 7. . . . Bosma would like to know how the people in Maine plant potatoes. . . . Reggie Demague has joined the Shop golfing league.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We extend a hearty welcome to Muriel Garcelon of Douglas who is working on the new night shift in the department. Barbara Greeno has also transferred to this group. . . . Best of luck to Helen Sitnik who has joined the Statements group under John P. Shaw and to Howard Anderson who has been given charge of costing the new Duplicator Machines. . . . Congratulations to Roland Farrar who has been appointed acting assistant to Ray Colby in the Product Estimating Group. . . . We are glad to have Rocky Knight back with us after his unfortunate accident in Worcester. Even though Rocky was taken to the hospital after his mishap, he still proved that "you can't keep a good man down." . . . Happy motoring to Ted Fronczak in his new '52 Plymouth and to Roland Farrar in his '50 Ford. . . . Mona Paine, a very conscientious employee, was so anxious to get to work on a recent

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On April 3, Mr. J. H. Cunningham announced the appointment of Byron M. Deane as foreman of Department 451

JOHN R. SANDERSON NAMED ASSISTANT ADVERTISING MANAGER

John R. Sanderson, Editor of *The Whitin Review* was recently named Assistant Advertising Manager. The Advertising Department is responsible for a wide range of activities in promoting the sale of Whitin textile products including the descriptive catalogs and pamphlets, parts catalogs, technical books, securing publicity about the Company and its products in textile magazines and newspapers; assisting in trade shows, as well as preparing *The Whitin Review*, which is mailed to 9000 executives and supervisors in the textile industry.

Sandy was born in Avon, Mass., and was graduated from Brockton High School. After graduating from Harvard, he attended Boston University, and received a Master's degree from Massachusetts State Teachers College at Bridgewater. He also studied textiles at the Rhode Island College of Design. Sandy first came with Whitin Advertising Department in 1942 on a part-time basis while teaching at Northbridge High School and became a full-time member of the department in June, 1951.

He lives at 9 Summit Street and has two daughters. Fishing and golf are claimed as hobbies, but he is unusually silent on the subject of what he catches or his score.

When movie actress Grace Kelley got married aver in Monaco recently, Ed Shea of the Shea Advertising Agency sent George McRaberts a first day caver

oeeasion that she arrived in her house slippers. . . . Eve Lundberg met her mother in New York where she arrived on the "Queen Mary" from England. Eve took a couple of weeks off to visit with her mother, whom she hasn't seen for five and one-half years, and get her settled for her four-months' stay in this eountry. . . . Mary Swetnam and her husband are enjoying a month's tour aeross the country. They will be stopping at Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Yosemite National Park, Mt. Rushmore and Salt Lake City on the way to California where they hope to visit all the larger cities. Mary and her husband are planning to present saered concerts along the way.

Bea Gauthier was invited by her daughter to attend the Girl Scout Parents' Night whieh was held at the Progressive Club in North Uxbridge. The Girl Scouts presented skits and Bea's daughter played a piano seleetion to entertain the guests. This was followed by a luneh prepared by the members for their parents.

Birthdays: Beatriee Gauthier, Don Rae, and Larry Sarafian. . . . Anniversaries: Elizabeth and Ray Colby—their 34th, Simonne and Phil Grenier—their 19th, Mildred and Don Amiro—their 14th, Sadie and Charlie Garabedian—their 14th, Pauline and Cleve Reynolds—their 12th, Anna and Rene Thibault—their 6th, and Pauline and Lueien Horent—their 5th.

The engagement of Carolyn Ann Stebbins of Cumberland Hill, R. I. to Rabert A. Aldrich of Storesroom 9 has been announced. A September wedding is planned

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

Jim Bernard reports that, thanks to his young daughter, he is eurrently engaged in projeet "Burning Leaves." This function is more often reserved for the fall, but Miss Bernard seems to think that the Bernard yard is the proper plaee for all the leaves in the neighborhood, consequently, Jim (who ineidentally does not share his daughter's view) can be found mostly any evening engaged in the work at hand.

Produetion Notes: Jane (Spratt) Coyle is leaving the offiee to devote her time to her household duties. . . . The pretty diamond you see on Doris Thompson's finger is from Edward Danis of Department 453. . . . At this writing, Brenda Cook and Julia MeMullin of the day shift and Irene Lavallee and Mary Chaffee of the night shift are all on the sick list. . . . A warm weleome to Barbara Allen, the neweomer to Hugh Currie's section. . . . "Pat" DiSalvo recently deeided to beat the season and aequire a tan with a sun lamp. The idea was good, but "Pat's" idea of time was not. She suffered a painful burn.

The Golf League is now in full swing. Jim Kane and his team are the real "hot-shots" of the league at the moment and the way they are playing, it is going to take a good team to beat them.

In answer to some questions, from time to time it becomes necessary for the SPINDLE staff (beeause of limited space) to reduee the size of a column or two. We all have to take our turn, so if you are asked to be a personality and the following month you do not see the write-up, be patient, for it will be used in the next issue. While on the subject, we remind the people in the various storesrooms throughout the plant that we certainly appreciate any news, pietures, or interesting stories you may want to give us. Remember this, you do not have to be an appointed reporter to get your news into the SPINDLE. Just put it in an envelope and send it to the Offiee reporters. They will take care of it for you.

MAIN OFFICE

by Gloria Fitzgerald and Marlene Willard

We'll begin this month by extending a weleome to the three newcomers who are working in Payroll. They are Evelyn Hobbs, Harriett Stanislaus and Wendall Taylor. . . . The wanderers of the Main Office last month included George Kellstrand who took a motor trip to Virginia, and Gordon Spence who flew to Europe and visited Germany, England, Scotland, Paris and other points of interest. . . . Our proud mother this month is Margie MeCallum whose son Tommy was awarded 1st prize for oration at Wilbraham Aeademy. . . . Agnes Kalousdian was honored reeently by her friends and relatives at a shower held at the A.R.F. Club.

The Banquet for the Main Offiee Bowling League was held at the Colonial Club, and was attended by bowling regulars, substitutes, and invited guests. The food was deliciious, and a gala evening was had by all. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams of the first and seeond halves of the bowling season. The final standings for the seeond half of the season are as follows:

MAIN OFFICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Finals—Second Half

	Won	*Los*
Team 4 (Chris Bosma).....	27	13
Team 2 (Fran Guertin).....	23	17
Team 1 (Helen Gilroy).....	16	24
Team 3 (Ann MeDonald)....	14	26

Those of the offiee eelebrating birthdays this month are Esther Albin, Eva Higgin bottom, Tom Driscoll, Larry Fuller Norman MacIntyre, and Bob Maynard . . . Congratulations are in order for the anniversaries of Esther Anderson, Arlen Buker, Eva O'Keefe, Ann McDonald, and Charles Peix.

Gloria Frabotta, "Spindle" reporter in the Ma Office and Andrew Fitzgerald were married the Church of the Gaad Shepherd, Linwaod, c April 14. The reception was held at the Progre sive Club

irst Lieutenant Carol A. "Sally" Fullerton, a ormer Whitin employee, is stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base, Sedalia, Missouri

WAGE STANDARDS

by Don Amiro

Harold Thayer recently received his 5-year pin. . . . Ronald King has left 85 to become Acting Assistant Foreman of Department 425. . . . John Romasco is presently serving on the criminal session ury. . . . Department 485 wishes Solonon Shuman a speedy recovery from his recent operation. . . . Greetings are extended to Michael Ostak and William Andrews.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

We are all very glad to have Helen Misakian back to work again. . . . We sincerely hope that by the time this is being read, Lydia Hickey will be with us again. Lydia is at home recuperating from a thyroid operation. . . . Gunner Carlson was presented his twenty-year service pin, something to be proud of. I was given my fifteen-year service pin. . . . Do you ever wonder where you can get a taxi promptly? Call Johnny Mack's Taxi at Buffum's Drugstore and Charlie Walker will answer your call on the dot. . . . Information has been received that one of our former employees, Edward Manderville, has turned his time and effort into raising canaries. . . . We light the candles on the cake this month for Charlie Brouwer, George Hartley, Francis Mateer, Simon Wiersma, Mary Anderson, Lydia Hickey, James Dundas and Frank Martin, Jr. . . . Earl Mason will be riding around in a new Ford real soon. . . . Dozens of Little Leaguers arrived at the Gym one Saturday morning to pick up their baseball uniforms only to find they wouldn't be returned from the cleaners until the following Monday. Wendell Piper had a lot of explaining to do.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Payroll: The Youth Council of the Upton Grange sponsored a minstrel show on May 18. In the chorus was Rosalie Lent. . . . Mrs. Edith Allen has a new granddaughter, Linda Jane. The father is Edith's son Philip of Washington, D.C. . . . With the fishing season in full swing, Bill Hall is turning over all his "guppies" to Ted Froh, who has made an extensive collection. . . . Debbie Goggins, Fay's daughter, played baseball for the first time. She evidently took the expression "run home" literally, for rather than being stranded on base, she ran directly to her doorstep.

Machine Accounting: We welcome Helen Novak of Uxbridge. She will work part-time as a keypunch operator. . . . Ruth Kellaher is convalescing at home and expects to be back to work after the vacation period.

Statements: We welcome to this division, Helen Sitnik, who comes to us from the Cost Department. . . . Bertha Bernier sprained her left thumb in the strangest accident. After a detailed explanation of how it happened, it still doesn't figure, Bertha!

Timekeeping: Wendall Taylor, Department 425 (2nd shift) has transferred to the Payroll Department under Roy Rollins. . . . We welcome Roland Beaudoin of Fletcher Street as a replacement. We are sorry to report that Joe Forcier, Department 454 time clerk, is hospitalized.

Birthday greetings for May to Ernie Chase, Ann Plantinga, Pauline Reynolds, Jean Buczynski, and Rosalie Lent.

To Michael Ezzo, Storesroom 8, and Mrs. Ezzo, a daughter, Sharon Anne, weight 8 lbs. 1 oz., on April 3.

To Bert Seneeal and Mrs. Seneeal, a daughter, on May 12.

To Kenny Johnson, Department 429, and Mrs. Johnson, a daughter, in Woonsocket Hospital.

To Albert Szkutak, General Machining, and Mrs. Szkutak, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 8 oz.

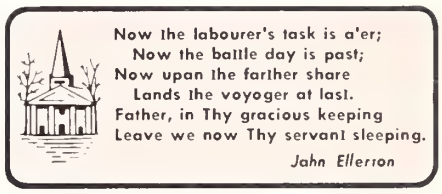
To Joseph Lucier, Core Room, and Mrs. Lucier, a son, Joel Robert, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 31.

To William Maher, Department 411, and Mrs. Maher, a son, James Robert, at Whitinsville Hospital on May 10.

To Earl King, Department 454, and Mrs. King, a son, Wayne Russell, weight 6 lbs. 2 oz. in Whitinsville Hospital on May 1.

To Gerrit Oppewall, Tool Job, and Mrs. Oppewall, a son, Wendell Louis, weight 8 lbs. 6 oz., in Whitinsville Hospital on May 3.

To Fred Gardner, Spindle Job, and Mrs. Gardner, a daughter, Wendy Lynn, on April 24 in Milford Hospital.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Preston on the recent death of their infant son.

Mrs. Raymond Brule on the death of her husband.

Friends and relatives of Phillippe Proulx who died April 24.

Family and friends on the recent death of Mrs. Henry Ebbeling.

Gerald T. McCarthy and family on the death of his sister.

Millie Turgeon on the death of her mother.

Joseph Tero on the death of his mother.

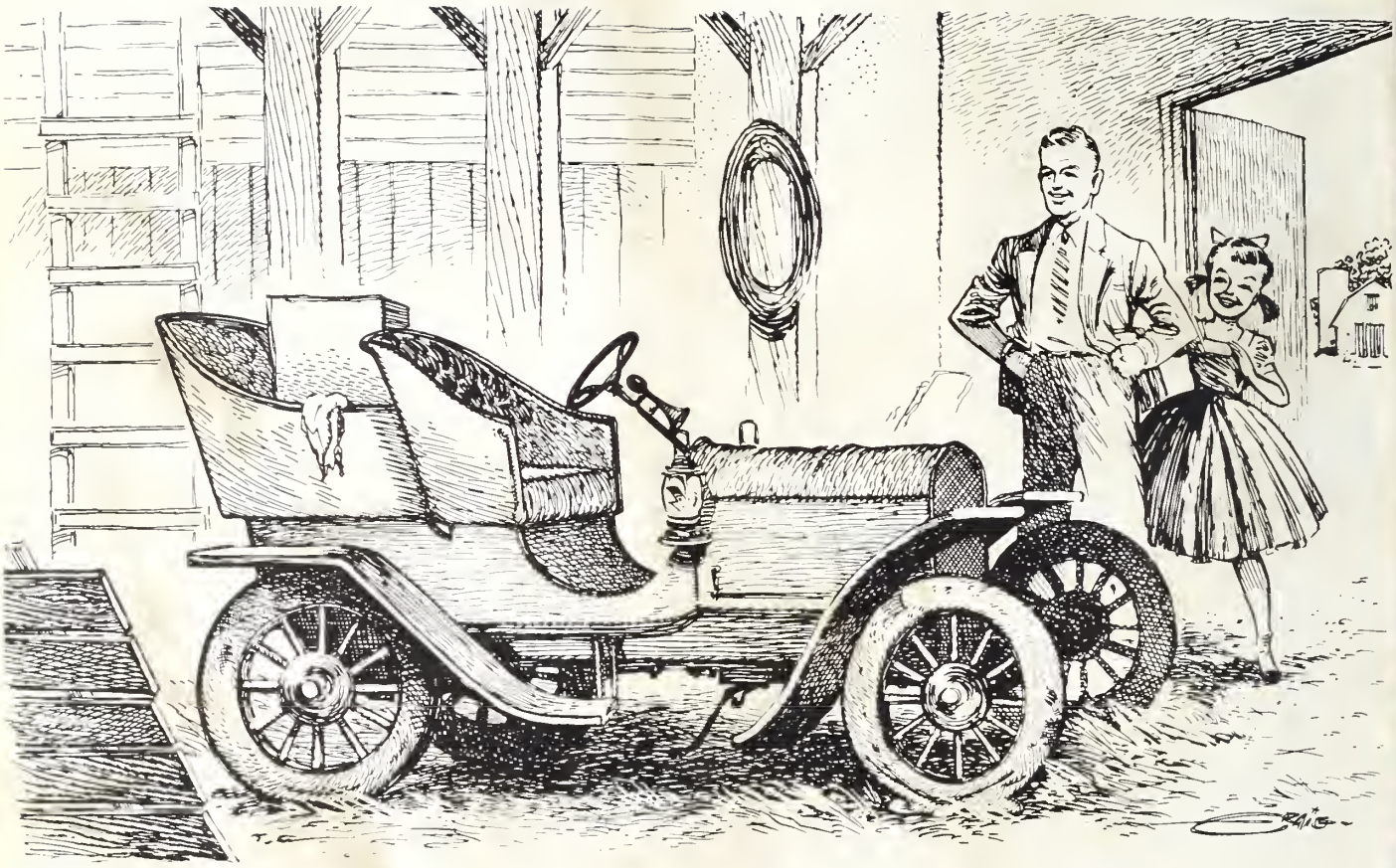
Matthew and Edward Krajewski on the death of their sister.

Joseph Popek, Department 416, on the death of his father, Michael Popek who died at his home on Chestnut Street, Millville, on April 29.

Family and friends of Raymond J. Brule, 51, of Department 406, who died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, on May 8.

Friends and survivors of Edward I. Gouin, 31, of 136 Third Avenue, Woonsocket, who died May 11.

Family and friends of William P. O'Brien, 64, of 7 Fletcher Street, Uxbridge, who died May 2.



In 1906 or 1956—the Same Principle

THIS old car's fate may be a junk yard or an auto museum. But nothing can destroy its most important feature—the principle that gasoline and air can be exploded by a spark, to make the wheels go around.

Progress is made by putting basic principles to new and better uses. Such progress has led to better engines; to the new jets and gas turbines. But through all improvements made in automobiles, the basic principle of the gasoline combustion engine remains the same.

A 1906 automobile is primitive by comparison with a 200-horsepower 1956 job. But we could do without the changes in looks and power better than we could do without the knowledge of the basic principle of the internal-combustion engine.

Fundamental principles apply as well to our economic lives. We can prosper by making better use of human principles: freedom, saving, work and incentives. But economic schemes that by-pass these basic principles of living do not work.

THE WHITIN Spindle

July 1956

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Joseph Boucher, Department 660, was born in St. Felix de Valois, P.Q. Fother of 4 ond grondfather of 9, he lives at 73 School Street, Northbridge. His hobby is corpentry work in his home workshop

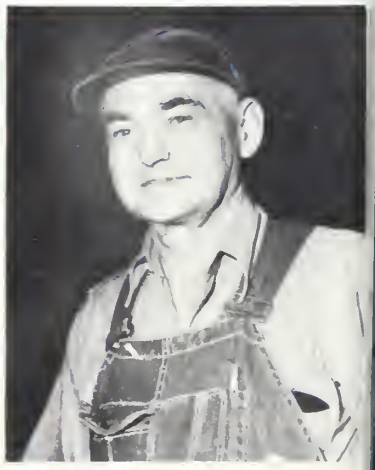
James Deveney of the Roll Job wos born in Lancashire. A Whitin employee for 29 years, he lives ot 1 C Street. He hos one son. Formerly o golfer, he now enjoys his home workshop

Alfred Majeou, Bolster Job, was born in Sturbridge and now lives at 34 Cottage Street, Whitinsville. A Whitin emplayee since 1937, he has 9 children. He enjoys popular music

Harry Jardine, Painter on Deportment 448C has worked here since 1923. He wos born in Burnley, Lancashire, lives ot 38 Overlool Street, has 2 daughters, and cheers fo the Red Sox

William Baker of Department 454 has been with Whitin 30 years. He lives at 81 Goldthwaite Raad and has 4 children. A maintenance man, he likes to bowl, garden, and make repairs

Archie Handfield, Ring Job, o Whitin employee for 22 years. A gardener, he lives in West Upton and has 8 children and 18 grandchildren. He inquires, "Why not root for the Red Sox?"



Louis Laferriere, Department 453, a Whit employee for 24 years, was barn in Armag P.Q. A Red Sox fan, he also enjoys fishin gardening, and raising flowers at 8C Hill Street

A typical kitchen scene of the early 1900's. Because water had to be hauled and heated over a stove and fueled with wood laboriously chopped, bathing was a luxury. It was during 1900 and 1901 that George Marston Whitin built New Village, adding four hundred new dwellings to the three hundred already owned by the Company

WHITIN

. . . *A Great Textile Tradition (1897-1906)*

CHAPTER VII

Much of what Whitinsville is today, it became during the period covered by this chapter. Arch-conservative in time of depression, George Marston Whitin became a master builder in time of prosperity. A bold realist, he constructed forty per cent of the industrial plant and forty-five per cent of the Company's housing, paying for it out of earnings.

ALTHOUGH great and far-reaching changes were to occur during this decade, there were few signs of them in 1897. Business was slow and life in Whitinsville moved along in a peaceful way and at a leisurely pace. Edgar O. Benson was elected Pound Keeper and Jonathan Southwick, Willard Prentice, and Samuel Fowler elected Fence Viewers. At a cost of $19.95 the Town marked the graves of thirteen known Revolutionary War dead. That year $39,000 was raised to defray Town expenses.

In the Shop, after seven years of specializing in customer relations, Chester Lasell became less active in his business role, and devoted himself more to the breeding and racing of horses.

Whitin designers were busily at work designing a high-speed comber. In the South, Stuart W. Cramer, Whitin's aggressive agent, was displaying the salesmanship that was to cause the historian Navin to say "in any history of the Whitin Machine Works, Cramer must rank as one of the four or five top contributors to the Company's success."

In 1898, when St. Patrick's Church edifice was completed, when the cornerstone of the Village Congregational Church was laid, and when the Odd Fellows building was started, most of the Shop was on a thirty-two hour week. During this period business conditions were marked by rough and rugged competition. Sharp trading, marketing agreements, competitors and other

A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (continued)

factors truly tested the business acumen of the Whitin organization. In May of 1898 business began to improve and by 1899 business was so good that Cramer could easily sell more machines than Whitin could deliver.

This was a turning point in Whitin history. G. M. Whitin, the arch-conservative, plunged into a program of expansion and building that, to many, seemed reckless. In 1899 he added a night shift and built No. 4 Building—95,000 feet of floor space, or as much as Howard & Bullough's entire new plant. This was one of the most prosperous periods in Whitin history, for in each and every year up to 1906 the sales surpassed the record years of the 19th century. These sales created new jobs and the need for additional workers in Whitinsville.

The influx of new workers ultimately caused the origins now found in Whitinsville. To the original Yankee stock had been added English technicians. During the 1840's this had been enriched by Irish stock and later by French Canadians. In 1886 John Bosma arrived from Holland followed by groups of Frisian Dutch. After '88, large numbers of Armenian people arrived. After 1900 immigration was largely of "downhummers" from the Penobscot Bay region of Maine, attracted here for winter work by Foreman Benjamin R. Graves.

In many cities unskilled European immigrants were forced to live and work in slum conditions until such time as they could acquire skills. That was not the case in Whitinsville, and the younger generation should give sincere thanks to G. Marston Whitin for his handling of this problem. In 1900 and 1901 he built New Village, adding four hundred new dwellings to the three hundred already owned by the Company. On Cook Allen Brook, he built three large reservoirs to furnish water. For the unmarried men two new boarding

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houses were built. But more important than the num ber was the quality of these homes—those who live in them had sunshine, fresh air and tree-shaded streets

There can be no doubt that throughout this perio there was, on the part of G. M. Whitin, both pride i the town and a sincere interest in the well-being of hi work force. For example, on June 10, 1902, pani struck the town when there were twenty cases of sma pox in Rockdale. Within three days all of the em ployees in the Shop were vaccinated. In October c that same year, when a strike of the anthracite coa miners caused a great coal shortage, he bought a ship load of the best Welsh coal from England and made i available to his tenants to heat their homes.

Nor was Mr. Whitin alone in his attitude. The tow records show yearly references to sidewalk extensions maintenance of the Social Library, evening schools streetlights, and new streets. On April 3, 1905, th Town accepted the offer of Arthur F. Whitin and J. M Lasell to pay all costs in excess of $40,000 for the con struction of a new high school capable of housing 15

Whitin Baseball Team 1899–1900: front row, from the left, Samuel Crompton, Edward Bird, Thomas Walsh, Willis; back row, Peter Tessier, Thomas Pendergast, Robert Goodnow, Forrest Richardson, Fred Houston, Balcolm, Ben Brines, Manager

Northbridge High School Baseball Team of 1902: front row, from the lef Horvey Ellis, William McSheehy, Arthur Bigelow, Herbert Davis, Albert Mon gomery; back row, Jack McGuiness, Manager; Joseph Smith, Herbert Pain Jay Driscoll, Fred Adams, and Joseph Adams

pupils. During this period an $80,000 sewerage system was constructed.

Neither in local nor national elections was Whitinsville a one-party town. In 1903, in the local election, there were two parties. Where there was a contest, the "Democratic ticket" polled about 111 votes to the "Citizens' ticket's" 320. In the national election of 1904 Whitinsville cast 662 Republican ballots, and 301 Democratic ballots, with a scattering of Socialist Labor, Socialist, and Prohibition votes.

In one field persistent efforts failed to yield results. Year after year the Town voted $500 to suppress the "illegal sale of intoxicating liquors" and provided a $25 reward to each person securing a conviction. The rade would not be suppressed. After electric cars vere introduced in Whitinsville around the turn of he century, the blithe spirits of Whitinsville, each with n empty suitcase, would board the trolley for Fisherille. They would return on the last car, known as the "owl," with both passengers and suitcases well loaded.

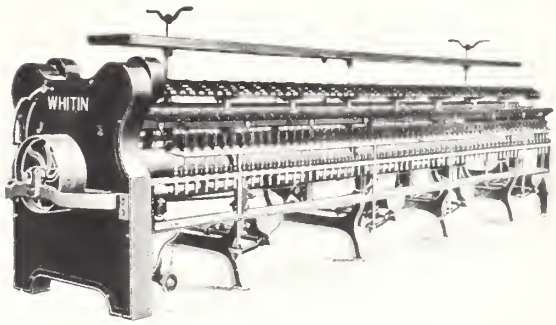
Within the Shop, significant changes continued to e made. In 1901 the direct current electricity was eplaced by alternating current. Beginning May 9, 903, the Shop began observing a half-holiday on aturday, and in their new-found leisure the workers vent crazy over the Whitin ball team. Whitin hired a itcher—and complained that other teams were not nly hiring pitchers but other "ringers."

In October, 1905, Whitin introduced a startling novation to the trade—the first Whitin High-speed omber. A previous Whitin Comber introduced in 899 had a brief successful career before it was surpassed y certain European manufacturers. For a twelve-nonth period during 1904–1905, Elwin H. Rooney, scar L. Owen, Harry A. Haselden, and three other nen labored to produce a triumph in the American art of ationalized simplification. Once this comber had gained e recognition it deserved (1910) it drove European ombers almost completely out of the market. The omber sales were 24% of Whitin's dollar sales in 1910.

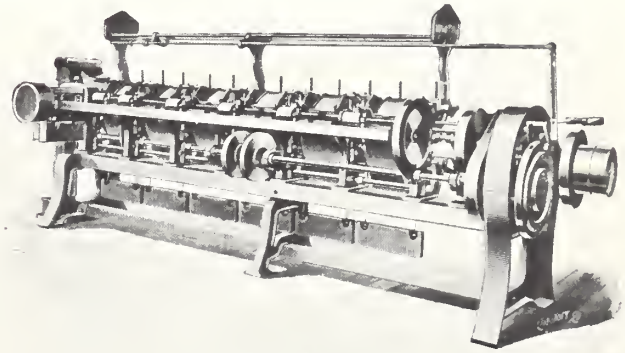
Our competitors were not doing so well. By 1904 the eckless price cutting of the ailing Lowell Machine hop was endangering the entire industry. Joining ith other companies, Whitin, in 1904, put up one fifth f the money to enable Robert F. Herrick to purchase ontrol of Lowell, which, when revitalized by him, was oon giving Whitin stiff competition.

Meanwhile new executives were emerging at Whitin. fter a period of training beginning in 1893, Lawrence Murray Keeler, who had married Elizabeth Whitin n 1905, was made Northern Agent in 1906. On January 15, 1906, E. Kent Swift, a young first cousin of . Marston Whitin, who had joined the Company in eptember of 1900, was made assistant treasurer. This ey position was soon to afford him an opportunity to how his great skill at piloting the Company through ituations requiring clear thinking and diplomacy.

Northbridge High School Cadets 1902



Whitin's Ring Spinning Frame at the turn of the century



Front view of a Whitin Comber around 1900

Altar Boys of St. Patrick's Church around 1899: first row, from the left, Michael Callahan, Edward Anderson, Nicholas Hooyenga, (Rev.) William McGlynn, Harry Kearnan, Bernard Smith, Walter Duggan, Walter Sheehan; second raw, Harvey Deslauriers, Sr., George Anderson, Jeffrey L. Vail, E. Rajotte, William St. Andre, Thomas Lawlor, Dennis Duggan; third row, Emile St. Jocques, Gearge Huxley, Thomas Fanning, Nicholas DeYoung, Timothy Regan, William Callahan, Arthur St. Andre, John Leonard, Thomas Joyce, Williom Ward, John St. Andre

SIDELIGHTS

On the Life and Times of 1897-1906

WHITINSVILLE.

John Dorothy, better known as Steeple Jack, has gone to British Columbia. He cleaned the large chimney in the Whitin Machine Works, put the weather vane on the Methodist Church, and on the cotton mill at Linwood. He has also cleaned the largest chimneys in New York and Pennsylvania.

A double bob runner sleigh came to grief while passing the Linwood mill, Monday evening. The rear runner came off, and the body of the sleigh was broken so badly it could not be repaired.

William Wood of Upper Hill street died at his home Tuesday morning, with consumption, after a long illness. He was 20 years old and had worked in the machine shop until about three years ago. One sister and three brothers survive him, besides his parents. He was well liked by all his associates.

George Gill's horse made a lively run Tuesday morning, through the town, and spilled about two hundred quarts of milk.

Daniel McNeil, while taking a barrel of flour from a grocery wagon, slipped on the ice and fell on his back, the barrel falling on his breast. It is feared that one of his lungs is affected and that he is otherwise injured.

EDISON MAY BE SENT TO JAIL

He Has Been Adjudged in Contempt by Judge Freedman for Failing to Obey an Order Directing Him to Surrender Stocks

New York, Jan. 19.—Thomas A. Edison, Jr., who has been adjudged in contempt by Judge Freedman of the Supreme Court for failing to obey an order which directed him to surrender $400,000 of stock of the Steel & Iron Process Co., has had an order entered against him, requiring his imprisonment until he does so. In addition, he will have to pay $138 costs of the proceedings.

LOCAL NOTES.

The thermometer registered 16 below early Monday morning.

There are few towns in the state where there are so many skating enthusiasts as in Whitinsville. A large number of Dutch people have settled in this neighborhood and they try to keep skating enthusiasm alive. Nearly all of these people are good skaters, having been on the steels from early childhood, using them for business and pleasure on the frozen dykes of Holland. Some of the young Americans are amused at times at the appearance made by some of the ruddy-cheeked Hollanders as they glide over the frozen surface with skates that have enough rough material in them to make a half dozen pairs of the neat, shining runners made here. The boys cease to smile when they try to show their trans-Atlantic friends "how the thing is done." The life-long training was demonstrated in the race, Saturday. The machine shop and mills being shut down Saturday, every rod of clear ice was covered with merry skaters.

The Methodist Church was crowded to overflowing, Sunday, the occasion being an official visit by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu. He preached at both morning and evening services.

Parents Sell Their Children to Get Price of Food

New York, Jan. 8.—Latest mail advices from India aver that the situation there grows darker every week. Three million men are working on government relief works. The sale of children by starving parents is becoming common. Families are breaking up, each member acting for himself in search of food. Abandoned children are found with frequency. A famine of water as well as food is feared. Cattle are dying off by thousands, and no rain is now expected until June.

THE MODERN UNITED STATES.

What is the "United States," is now the question troubling members of Congress. Can Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines claim to be members of the brotherhood of states and territories, or must they be given the obnoxious title of "colonies?" Way back in the days when the Appalachian range formed the nation's western frontier. Chief Justice John Marshall rendered a decision, holding that the term "United States" means all that territory over which we have jurisdiction. Strict interpreters of the letter of the law hold Marshall's decision still binding. But for obvious reasons. It is inconvenient to treat all this country's dependencies as integral parts of the nation. Marshall, it is said, would never have rendered that decision under conditions existing today.

But supposing Hawaii is granted a territorial form of government, as seems likely, is she not entitled to the same privileges as Oklahoma? And if Hawaii in mid-Pacific is considered part of the United States, Porto Rico at our very doors will feel ill-treated unless granted the same honor. Alaska has always been treated as part of the United States, and enjoyed the privilege of a delegate in Congress. But ow it is said military rule is to be extended over that territory. How will aska fare under the new arrangent? The question of where to draw line, is a very difficult one. Never a more puzzling query put than "What is the United States?"

SHARKEY.

He Knocked Out Kid McCoy

IN TENTH ROUND.

Sailor Lad is Now Heavyweight Champion.

New York, Jan. 10.—Tom Sharkey, the American sailor, who first saw the light of day in Dundalk, Ireland, now stands the only heavyweight possibility for championship honors as against Bob Fitzsimmons. At the Lenox Athletic Club tonight he whipped Kid McCoy good and hard in the tenth round of what was to have been a twenty round battle for heavyweight honors.

TWO PRESIDENTS IN RETIREMENT

Both Strong and Well and Both Rocking the Cradle.

A Superstition That No Ex-President of the United States Can Live Long—Present Ambitions of Both

The superstition that no ex-president of the United States can live long in the land over which the people appointed him, has been proven an idle one; for there are now living two ex-presidents who are in excellent health and who threaten to remain so for many a day.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland is 60 years old and ex-President Harrison is 64 years old. Both men are robust, exceptionally happy and particularly well fixed in the affairs of this world. Both bid fair to live well into the three score and ten years allotted to man, and even into the "by reason of strength" period of 80.

THE SECRET OF MARK TWAIN'S SUCCESS

Mark Twain's literary hold on the world is so innocent of all tradition and logic that the challenge to explain the situation is an irresistible one to those who talk about him or write about him, though it does not particularly worry people when they read him. The gentlemen who have made a study of such matters have said his literary style is naught; that his stories are ill-constructed, according to the esthitic standards; that his travel sketches are inconsequential and scrappy; that his historical novels do not create the atmosphere of their time, and so forth —yet these same gentlemen do not deny that he is a great writer, nor do they pretend to withstand his fascination. Indeed, Mark Twain is curiously fortunate in his ability to hold the attention of the men who make books and writing their business, as well as men who have no interest whatever in books or reading except when the interest is compelled by such an irresistible person as Mr. Clemens. This cannot be for the mere reason of Mr. Twain's humor, although such inimitable humor is a platform on which very varied types and grades of intellect may meet congenially. It must be because the keynote of everything Mr. Clemens writes is his enmity to sham, hypocrisy, and pretense—a note vibrating the fibres of manliness in every reader—and because whether he is a good novel-writer or not, he is a born story-teller, with the highest art of the typical American raconteur, with all his intuitive and acquired knowledge of human nature, his cool mastery of climaxes, and his audacity. It is his distinction that he is thoroughly the American. There is no merican of his country that he does not know, whose people he does not understand, whose life he has not lived. He comes to his subject, be it a European cathedral or a village schoolboy, or an absurd sentimentality, with the cool, healthy, vigorous bearing of a man born and bred in the atmosphere of work and fact, where trifling or falsehood means disaster. It has been remarked more than once how suggestive of the American eagle are Mr. Clemens' bearing, his piercing eye, and falcon profile.—From "A Sketch of Mark Twain," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

THE AMERICAN SCENE

Andrew Carnegie was one of our nation's great industrialists. In 1900 the persanal income of Andrew Carnegie was over $23,000,000 with no income taxes to pay

... Our Nation, 1897-1906

Two great themes dominate this period of America's history. The first of these is the continuing tide of immigration and the process by which, in three generations, the descendants of these immigrants become as American as the Mayflower descendants. The second, which brought both new problems and new benefits to the United States, is the rise of the city. All else—the rise of big business, the war with Spain, the politics of the period—was either caused or profoundly affected by these two trends.

In the horse-drawn days of 1897, the United States was comparatively quiet. Then horses furnished most transportation. Women wore long skirts and stiff bodices while men wore high stiff "ehoker" collars and derby hats. The era was characterized by sentimentality, highly religious morality, and the belief that woman's place was in the home—even though one out of five American women was working for wages. The divorce rate was only seven per ten thousand marriages, and a kiss was practically a proposal of marriage.

Into this complacent America, a flood of immigrants was pouring—some two million eaeh year. Four out of five came from southern and eastern Europe—Italians, Greeks, Jews, Armenians, Poles, and others. The free land of the frontier was gone, and the newcomers were forced into the cities. Escaping from tyranny and persecution in Europe, they found life in America far from easy—to them fell the hard work, at an average yearly wage of less than $500.

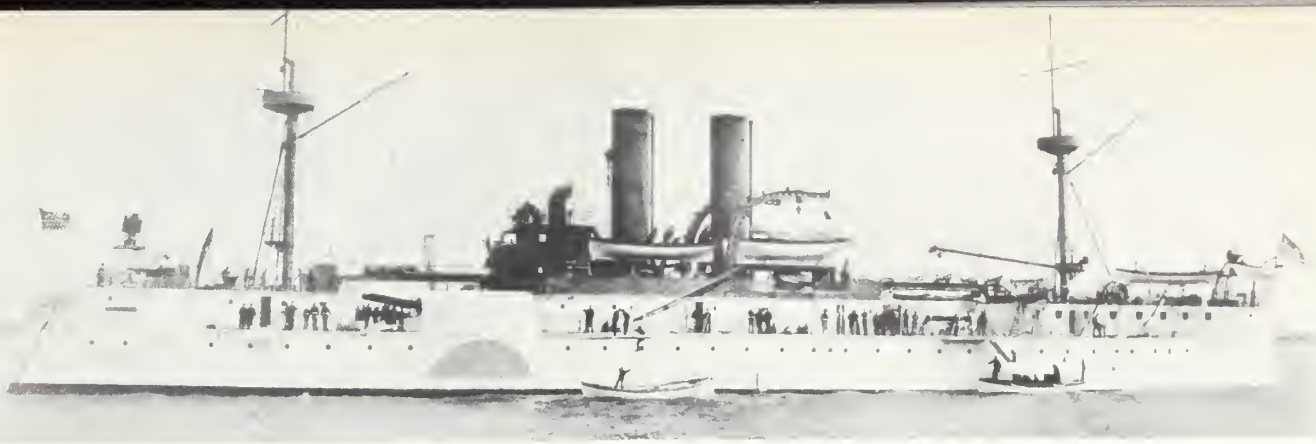
While the term "melting pot" is now regarded as trite, too much credit cannot be given these unnamed millions for the speed with which they adapted to Ameriean eustoms, for the hard work and thrift which enabled them to raise their standard of living and acquire property, and, most important, for their demand that their children acquire skills, education, and loyalty to America. This process of Amerieanization which we take for granted, is almost incomprehensible to the rest of the world.

Since aneient times there had been a few large cities located on sea coasts or on large rivers. The inland city, however, was a new phenomenon. In 1860 only one Ameriean in six had lived in a place having 10,000 or more inhabitants. But by 1900, one out of three Americans lived in such a city. These new centers of population were made possible by improved methods of eommunieation, transportation, sanitation, lighting and fire proteetion. For the first time the farmers instead of being regarded as "God's ehosen people," were regarded by their city cousins as "rubes," "hicks," and "hayseeds." Country boys read the books of Horatio Alger and dreamed of going to the city to found a great fortune.

With the rise of the city came "big business" and great fortunes. In 1901 the United States Steel Corporation was organized with stoeks and bonds valued at almost a billion and a half dollars. There were over two thousand millionaires in the country (sixty-five of them lawyers).

Beeause of the inereased cireulation of metropolitan newspapers, news traveled faster and farther. In '99 at the breakfast table, Amerieans could read about Eugene V. Deb's formation of the Soeial Democratic Party and how the Swedish explorer Salomon August Andree with two companions had left Danes Island, Spitzbergen, via balloon for the North Pole (their remains were found August 6, 1930, on White Island 117 miles north).

The newspapers had been printing a great deal about



The Battleship "Maine" as she appeared in Havana Harbor before the explosion February 15, 1898

The "Maine" as she appeared immediately after the explosion

an island named Cuba and its difficulties with its mother country, Spain. On February 15, 1898, the country was rocked by the sinking of the battleship *Maine* in Havana Harbor. The country clamored for war.

"Prince Bismarck is said to have remarked, just before his death, that there was a special providence for drunkards, fools, and the United States of America. On paper, Spain was a formidable power. . . . Spain had almost 200,000 troops in Cuba before the war. The American regular army . . . included less than 28,000 officers and men, scattered in small detachments from the Yukon to Key West." The world had not noticed that for fifteen years the United States, influenced by Captain Mahan (who had demonstrated in his brilliant series on sea-power that not the meek, but those who possessed efficient navies, inherited the earth) had built a small but smart navy. Most important was the fact that the cannon of the American vessels could shoot farther than the cannon of the Spanish vessels.

On May 1, 1898, one week after the declaration of war, the Pacific squadron under Dewey steamed into Manila Bay and without losing a man reduced the Spanish Pacific fleet to junk. In the Atlantic, the Spanish battle fleet of four armored cruisers and three destroyers under the Spanish Admiral Cervera sailed forth from Santiago Bay on July 3 to do battle with the American navy under Admiral Sampson and Com-

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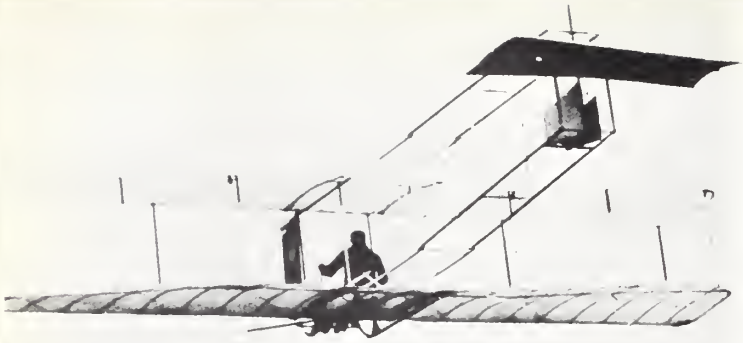
When President McKinley was fatally wounded on September 6, 1901, he was succeeded by Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. He was an unusual man and a powerful president



On December 17, 1903 the Wright brothers made o successful airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

The first Ford Factory, o single-story, was erected in 1903. The building above is shown with a second story. This was added later by the Company, when the owner refused to build it

During this period, Carry Nation, the anti-saloon agitator, began swinging her hatchet in Kansos barrooms

THE AMERICAN SCENE (continued)

modore Schley. The Americans lost one man; the Spanish their entire fleet. The U. S. really celebrated that July 4!

Ten weeks' fighting and the United States had wrested an empire from Spain. Yet our motives were not selfish, for most of that empire has since earned and been given its freedom. The American people had a crop of heroes —"Hobson who sunk the *Merrimac*, Lieutenant Rowan who delivered the message to Garcia, Commodore Dewey ('You may fire when ready, Gridley'), blaspheming Bob Evans of the *Iowa*, Captain Philip of the *Texas* ('Don't cheer, boys, the poor fellows are dying'), and Teddy Roosevelt with his horseless Rough Riders!"

The war was to elevate Teddy Roosevelt to fame and the Presidency. By 1899 the thunder of Bryan had died away, for with good times the farmers were making out so well that "every barn in Kansas and Nebraska had a new coat of paint." President McKinley was content to let well enough alone in business and politics. He was renominated in 1900 with Roosevelt as his running mate. Mark Hanna was disgusted: "Don't any of you realize," he exploded at the convention, "that there's only one life between that madman and the Presidency?"

An ignorant, demented assassin named Czolgosz shot and fatally wounded President McKinley on September 6, 1901, at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo. "And now look" said Mark Hanna, "that damned cowboy is President of the United States!"

Teddy was an unusual man and a powerful president. All sections of the country liked him: The East, because he was a wealthy college graduate; the West, because he had been a rancher in the Bad Lands of Dakota; the South, because his uncles, the Bullochs, had fought in the Confederate Army. Teddy "could lasso a bucking steer, turn out an historical essay, hunt lions, run a political convention, play tennis, lead a regiment, and hypnotize an audience with equal facility. . . ." He believed the President should be an executive. Under him action was taken against trusts; our natural resources were conserved; and in international affairs our country spoke boldly, backed by "a big stick."

During this period other things were happening: in '98 the Curies had discovered radium; in '99, when the Czar called a peace conference at The Hague, the Boer War broke out in South Africa and raged until 1902. In 1900, the Boxer Rebellion began in China and Dr. Reed and his associates began their campaign to wipe out yellow fever.

In 1901, the year that McKinley was shot, King Edward Land, Antartica, was discovered and Marconi sent the letter "S" from Cornwall to Newfoundland by "Wireless." In 1903 the Cuban Republic was inaugurated; Panama was declared independent and the U. S. secured rights to complete the Panama Canal. In that year Henry Ford organized the Ford Motor Company; and, between May 23 and August 1, the first auto trip was completed from San Francisco to New York. On December 17 both Orville and Wilbur Wright made successful airplane flights at Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, N. C. A busy year indeed!

Roosevelt was elected President in his own right in 1904, the year that 2,500 buildings burned in Baltimore. The next year the Japanese stunned the world and emerged as a world power by sinking the Russian battle fleet at the battle of Tsushima Bay. 1906 saw the scandal of Harry K. Thaw's murder of Stanford White and witnessed the great San Francisco earthquake and fire with its incalculable loss of life and its financial loss of $350,000,000.

In literature the authors of the day included: Frank Norris, Theodore Dreiser, Edith Wharton, Martha Finley, James Whitcomb Riley, Eugene Fields, O. Henry, and Horatio Alger.

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GROWTH CALLS FOR MANY MORE JOBS

OUR country has grown from 132 million in 1940 to more than 162 million today. By 1975, we will be more than 200 million strong.

This means there will be tremendous new demands for more and better products and services, if our standard of living is to keep rising.

It means new jobs must be created at the rate of a million or more a year.

Industry is meeting the challenge of an expanding America. When it invests in future business expansion, it does its share to serve us all—to make possible more jobs, higher wages, better products and lower prices.

FRONT COVER: Boating is a popular summer sport with many Whitin employees. Pictured is Bill Baird, of the Repair Sales Department, taking his family for a cruise around Meadow Pond.

Whitin Personality

FEW people would believe that when Fred Tattersall graduated from Northbridge High School in 1936 he stood only five foot eight and weighed only one hundred and thirty pounds. Fred, manager of the American System and Worsted Division, who formerly trained as a draftsman and as a service man, now is a strapping six foot three and weighs two hundred plus.

Fred was born in Whitinsville on September 28, 1919, and like most boys attended the local schools. After graduation from high school, he continued his studies by studying drafting at Worcester Boys' Trade School during the evenings. During the day he worked in the Whitin Engineering Department where he specialized on spindles.

When World War II came, he entered the Air Force and rose to the rank of master sergeant, serving in the engineering section of the 9th Air Force. During hostilities he served in Egypt, England, and France. He received his discharge in May, 1945.

Shortly before that, on April 14, 1945, he was married at the Trinity Episcopal Church to the former Miss Dorothy Lightbown of Whitinsville. They now live at 123 East Street, Whitinsville, with their two daughters, 7-year old Linda and 5-year old Cheryl.

Both before and after entering the Armed Forces, Fred was active in basketball and baseball. In baseball he played in both the Shop League and the Blackstone Valley League. His skill as a pitcher is still commented on by his friends. Today he is still an avid baseball fan and faithful follower of the Red Sox. "I've been a faithful Red Sox fan for thirty years and I can't quit now, for I figure that anytime within the next ten years they should win again." Fred does some gardening and makes a determined attempt to play golf. He is a member of Granite Lodge AF&AM and of the Whitinsville Golf Club.

SERVICE PLUS

When serious illness or death strikes down an individual the members of his family are not only stricken with sorrow but are often faced with grievous economic burdens. For the purpose of protecting its employees against such heavy financial costs the Whitin Machine Works maintains an Employee Group Insurance Plan insured with the Aetna Insurance Company.

From March 1955 through February 1956, six thousand and twenty-four checks totaling $412,792.62 were issued through the Aetna Group Insurance Plan, easing the burden of Whitin employees in meeting their medical, hospital, and surgical bills. While Whitin employees contributed towards the cost of dependents' benefits, the full cost of active employees' group insurance benefits was borne by the Whitin Machine Works. In reference to the employees' coverage for the twelve month period ending March 1, 1956 a total of $269,618.57, was paid out for Death and Dismemberment benefits, Weekly sickness and Accident benefits, Daily Hospital benefits, In-hospital Medical benefits, Surgical benefits, Hospital and Surgical Maternity benefits.

Bob Gellatly didn't have to worry about medical expenses when he recently injured his knee in an accident at home. Under Whitin's Group Insurance Plan he received weekly sickness and accident benefits as well as hospital and surgical benefits. Serving Bob with refreshments is Mrs. Gellatly

To make it easy for Whitin employees to collect the benefits due them or their dependents, an Insurance Section has been established in the Personnel Department. While all claims must be processed in this section before being forwarded to the Aetna office in Worcester for payment, the Personnel Department actually accelerates the payment of benefits.

If you have a claim, communicate with the Personnel Department and ask for an appointment. Don't rely on the advice of well meaning friends, but obtain authoritative answers to your questions from the Insurance Section of the Personnel Department.

At the time of your interview, you will be given a form on which your physician certifies the facts on which the claim is based. Have your family physician complete this certificate, then bring or mail the completed form to the Personnel Department. If you wish you may obtain also an assignment form by which your benefits may be made payable directly to your hospital.

As soon as the physician's certificate is returned to the Personnel Department, the Insurance Section completes the claim form and forwards it to the Aetna claim office in Worcester. Unless you request a different handling, your benefit check is mailed to you at your home address. The Whitin Machine Works receives a copy of the check as a record that payment has been made.

The physicians in Whitinsville and surrounding communities will give you full cooperation in facilitating the filing and payment of your claim. Staff members of the hospitals in this area give Whitin courteous assistance in the processing of claims.

Artificial Respiration

THE BACK PRESSURE—ARM LIFT (Holger Nielsen) METHOD

Study and preserve these instructions and be prepared to SAVE A HUMAN LIFE

1. Position of the subject

Place the subject in the face down, prone position. Bend his elbows and place the hands one upon the other. Turn his face to one side, placing the cheek upon his hands.

2. Position of the operator

Kneel on either the right or left knee at the head of the subject facing him. Place the knee at the side of the subject's head close to the forearm. Place the opposite foot near the elbow. If it is more comfortable, kneel on both knees, one on either side of the subject's head. Place your hands upon the flat of the subject's back in such a way that the heels lie just below a line running between the armpits. With the tips of the thumbs just touching, spread the fingers downward and outward.

3. Compression phase

Rock forward until the arms are approximately vertical and allow the weight of the upper part of your body to exert slow, steady, even pressure downward upon the hands. This forces air out of the lungs. Your elbows should be kept straight and the pressure exerted almost directly downward on the back.

4. Position for expansion phase

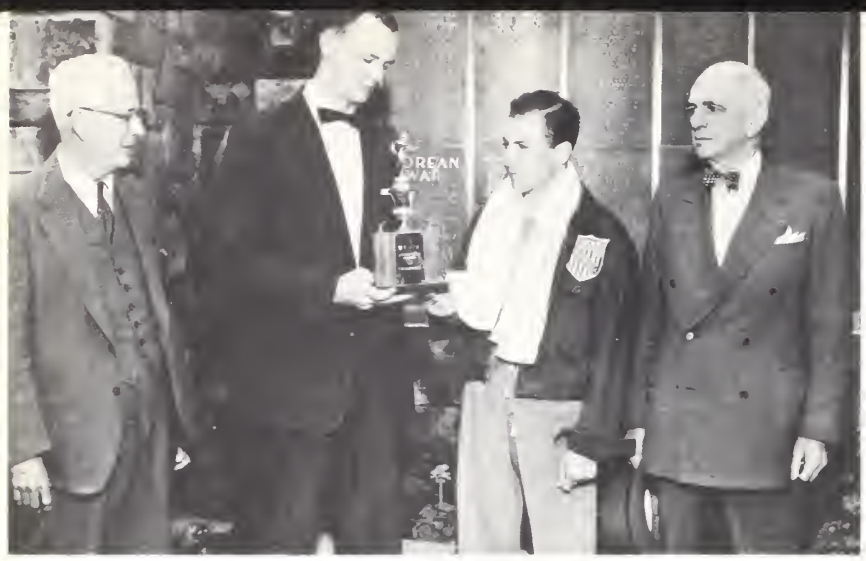
Release the pressure, avoiding a final thrust, and commence to rock slowly backward. Place your hands upon the subject's arms just above his elbows.

5. Expansion phase

Draw his arms upward and toward you. Apply just enough lift to feel resistance and tension at the subject's shoulders. Do not bend your elbows, and as you rock backward the subject's arms will be drawn toward you. Then drop the arms to the ground. This completes the full cycle. The arm lift expands the chest by pulling on the chest muscles, arching the back, and relieving the weight on the chest.

The cycle should be repeated 12 times per minute at a steady, uniform rate. The compression and expansion phases should occupy about equal time; the release periods being of minimum duration.

Courtesy of The American National Red Cross



Left: Thomas Cullen presents J. Albert Cullen Memorial Trophy to Nicholas Costes, winner of Five Mile Road Race. The time was 25.07.2, 1.8 seconds aff Meet and Course record established by Joseph Tyler, Cuba, All Navy Champion, on June 4, 1955. Costes is an outstanding contender to represent the United States in the Olympic Marathon at Melbourne, Australia in December. From the left: Robert Gibson, President of the Whitinsville Track & Field Association; Thomas Cullen, Nicholas Costes, and A. T. Hart, Boston referee and Chairman of Long Distance Running. Right: John King, Cornell University, winner of the Running High Jump at 6′–5½″. He not only established a new Whitinsville meet record but also a new Cornell University record

WHITINSVILLE TRACK MEET

Receiving Wide Recognition

THE success of the 4th Annual Whitinsville Track and Field Meet held Saturday, June 2, and preceding Meets held here has focused the attention of outstanding athletes on Whitinsville.

More than 375 athletes participated in the all-day program, coming as teams from as far as North Carolina and individual entries from the armed forces. A large majority of all the major colleges of the Northeast either had official entries or representatives participating in the specialties of their track stars.

Utilizing the exceptional facilities provided by the fast track and field facilities at Lasell Field, officials of the Whitinsville Track & Field Association, sponsoring the meet, provided the athletes and many hundred spectators with an excellently co-ordinated and well-run full scale track and field meet.

Sanctioned by the New England Association of the Amateur Athletic Union and the Massachusetts Association of Secondary School Principals, the interscholastic, intercollegiate, and other amateur participants strove to establish new official times and records. The use of official timers, distinguished official advisors and adherence to authorized procedures established the possibility of official new records.

The officials and athletes were so highly pleased with the track and field conditions and success of the meet that all promised to return next year and to persuade their co-stars and other record holders to appear at Whitinsville in 1957. Many local and state officials pointed out that the establishment of this large meet in Whitinsville has had far reaching influence in promoting track and sports in Massachusetts high schools particularly in central Massachusetts and offers a splendid opportunity for advancement of these sports in New England by providing outstanding athletes of the United States with superb competition under excellent conditions at the time of year when they are in the peak of condition.

Left: Red Diamond A.C., Pawtucket, R. I., second from the left, were the winners in the one mile relay—time 3.25.5. In second place were the Eastern Striders from Winston-Salem Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. At the conclusion of the Meet the Eastern Striders were presented the Team Trophy for the highest number of points accumulated during the Meet

Left: Jockie Oxley, Liberty A. C., Lexington, winner of Women's High Jump at 4′–3″. Right: Betty MacDonnell, Liberty A. C., winning Women's 100 Yard Dash in 11.8 seconds. In number 3 lane is Doris McCaffrey, Red Diomond, A. C., Powtucket, R. I.

Left: Sarkis Kojabashian, University of Rhode Island winner of the Pole Voult—12′–4½″. Below: David N. Settele, Boston University, winner of Intercollegiote—A.A.U. 220 Yard Low Hurdles in 24.3 seconds. Left to right: Elios Gilbert, Eastern Striders, 2nd (Gilbert was chosen outstanding othlete); Dovid Settele, Winner; ond Robert M. Doly, Holy Cross, 3rd

.eft: Michael Hughes, Needham, winner of Interscholastic 220 Yard Dash—ime 22.4 seconds. Hughes, the State Champion in this event, established a new Whitinsville Meet record. On Hughes' left is Hector Archambeaule, Uxbridge, 4th place. Center: Joseph Mullins, Canadian and American nterschalastic Champion of the 440 Yard Run, currently representing Hunt-ngton Prep., was the winner of the Intercollegiate A.A.U. Quarter Mile Run in 49.4 seconds and also the Half Mile Run in 1.57.8. He was presented o traphy for outstanding sportsmanship. Right: Joseph Whalen, 100 Yard Dash State Champian and representing Charlestown High School, was the winner af the Interscholastic 100 Yard Dash in 10.3 seconds; in second place was Ronald Cronin, Warcester North High, and third was Horace Coco, Central Catholic, Lawrence

Whitin Softball League IN FULL SWING

Six softball teams, the same number as last year, are engaged in this year's struggle for the championship of the Whitin Machine Works Men's League.

The team managers are: Harry Cornell, 412; Edward Boutiette, 416; Moe Deshaies, 429; Roland Wilson, 434; (the team representing Department 434 was absent when photographs were taken); Herman Arnold, 453; and Kenneth Guertin, 454.

All games are played at Lasell Fields 1 and 2 and at Plummers Field on Monday and Wednesday nights. During the season each team plays sixteen games.

The team winning the regular schedule will receive lightweight jackets. The team winning the playoffs, which will be decided by the Shaughnessey System, will receive trophies.

Department 412—Front row, from the left: Raymond Sherman, Leo Ray, Kenneth Piper, Jr., Raymond Morrissette, John Jellesma. Back row: Charles Ovian, John DeBoer, Alphege Lozier, Norman Sherman, Harry Cornell, Mgr.

Department 429—Front row, from the left: Normand Pouliot, Jake Sohigian, Jerry Lebitre, Edmund Leduc. Back row: Kurken Gorabedian, Donald Gauthier, Jack Young, Moe Deshaies, Charlie Hookstra

Department 453—Front row, from the left: Herman Arnold, Mgr., Richard Egsegian, Clayton Thurber, Robert Fougere, Charles Wilcax. Second row: Cliffard Chesley, Ira Naroian, Walter Aslanian, Michael Morrissette, Charles Kheboian

Department 454—Front row, from the left: Danald Philbrook, Bud Deslauriers, Walter Lawton, Joseph Brothers, Earl Stanley, Arthur Narmandin. Back row: Phil Skillen, Kenneth Guertin, Asst. Mgr., Art Barsamian, Mgr., Richard Bosma, George Mills

Department 416—Oscor Asadoorian, Narman Beauchamp, Gylle Beauchamp, Gordon Rattray, Robert Shaw. Mascat: Donald Mateer, Jr. Back row: Nicholas Calareno, Philip Mateer, Danald Mateer, Edward Boutiette, Mgr.; Robert Wright, Gus Ayatte, Lauis Bergeron, Gino Cotterlesso

Small Fry

Caral Lee, age 8, and Larry, age 5, children of John Cannally of Department 664, make friends with a husky calf

Beth Ann is the granddaughter of Sikke Visbeck

Among Archie Bolivar's youthful relatives is Jahn Elliat Brawn, Jr., of California

Archie L. Faurnier, Sr., of Department 401 is the grandfather of Diane, Barbara, Danald, and David

Television foscinates Paule age 9, and Dareen, age daughters of Gearge G thier of Department

ildren of Gearge Durant Department 427, 8-year d Linda and 10-manth ald atti pase with their cousin, 3-year old Stephen

Susan Darathy is the granddaughter of Rayman F. Meader, Faundry Superintendent

Beverly Ann is the daughter of Henry Walmsley of Department 466

Suzanne and Sandra are the twin daughters of Harace Dumas af Department 405

Annie, age 9, is the daughter of Sidney Zuidema af Department 405

Patrick McCrary is tl san of Patrick Des the Shipping Dep

ila Basma, daughter af ard Basma of Department 454, halds 8-manth George Bordell, son af mas Bardell of Foundry timekeeping

Nancy Lee is the daughter of Leo Gauthier of Deportment 497

Leo J. Pare is the grandsan af William Pare af Department 438

Richard is the san of Ernest Danais af Deportment 465

Arline, age 4, and Paul, age 1, are the childre Robert Randeau, painter in Department 429

ynn McLaughlin is the
laughter of Lynn Rich-
n of Wage Standards

Susan Ellen is the daughter of Alden Rasa of Plant Layout

Linda Ann Zabak is the granddaughter of Alfred Demars of the Freight House

Denise is the daughter of Arthur Langelier of the Freight House

Daniel and Dennis L'Etolle are the grandchildren o
Rosaire Lacombe of Department 660

t, Christina, and Louis Giampetria are the grandchildren of Margaret
Devlin of the Spindle Job

Carol Ann is the daughter of Bob Bessey, foreman's clerk in Department 454

Bath time for Joanne, 3-year old daughter of Edward Bates of the Spindle Job

Richard "Ricky" Dabbs, grandson of Henry Koliss of Department 418, was born in Germany

onna, and Russell are
hildren of Herbert
Andrews

Sandra Lee, age 5, is the daughter of Nicholas DeLucia of Department 416

Three-year old Clement, and 2-year old Charles are the children of Clement Laflash, Sr., of Department 438

Pauline and Harry are the daughter and son of Henry Pandalfi of the Paint Job

Tom Gilchrist, comber erector is the father of, from the left, 3-year old Bruce, 2-year old Barbara, and 5-year old Brian

ent of Department
e grandfather of
an Koslowski

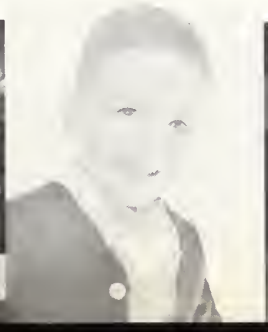
Two-gun Jimmie Stewart is the grandson of Foreman Edward Nuttall of Department 452

Bazil Konvent of Department 436 is the grandfather of George Konvent of Newton Highlands

"Tina" Ann Lozier is the daughter of Al Lozier of Department 435

Sandra, age 4½, is the daughter of Ovila Gagnon of Department 422

Jane and James are children of Henry Barnatt Department 448A



Any bird, fish, or animal may be mounted. Shown here are samples of Tom's work: gray squirrel, wood duck, frogs, ruffed grouse, and the head of a largemouth black bass which does double duty as an ashtray

HOBBY—
Taxidermy

Thomas Jedrzynski, apprentice and amateur taxidermist, has as his hobby the mounting of birds, animals, and fish to serve as permanent trophies of field and stream. This art, which requires study and observation of animals in their natural habitat, preserves the animals in a natural life-like form. The taxidermist must be a student of both bone structure and flesh composition if his work is to be of the best quality.

Tom is an enthusiastic outdoors man who has always enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. At the age of 15 he secured his first hunting license, and immediately put it to use. On his first day of hunting he shot a great horned owl. Because he was pleased with the specimen, he wanted it mounted and displayed, yet he could not find a taxidermist. Consequently, he decided that he'd do his own taxidermy work.

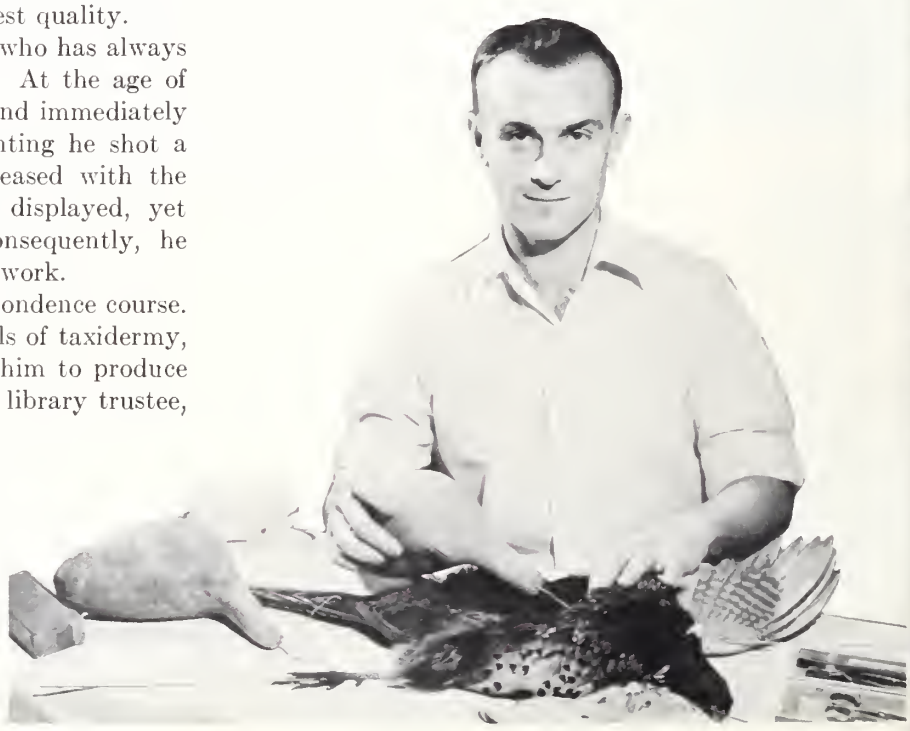
His first step was to enroll in a correspondence course. This provided him with the fundamentals of taxidermy, however it was not adequate to enable him to produce a perfected work of art. His mother, a library trustee, obtained books for him through official contacts with publishers. After using these to gain further knowledge on the subject, Tom began his hobby.

Small game and fish are the primary subjects with which Tom works. In preparing them, he first cleans and then removes the skin from the carcass by making one incision in the breast. The skin, feathers, and skull are the only usable parts. The next step is the preservation of the skin and this is done with a non-poisonous compound.

Assembling an artificial carcass from excelsior is, perhaps, the most difficult phase in preparing a specimen. When completed, the artificial body must be identical to the original one in order that the skin will fit perfectly. When this is completed, the wings, tail, neck, etc., are reinforced with galvanized wire, then the skin is stretched over the body and stitched.

The final stage of preparing an animal for mounting requires a complete understanding of its original appearance and habits. The fur and feathers must be arranged properly, and natural positions given to them. Natural walking, running, and flying positions are all considered when an animal is being mounted.

At his home on Pierpoint Road in Dudley, where he resides with his wife and daughter, Thomasine, Tom has a small collection of mounted animals on display. However, his collection never becomes large because his finished products are always in demand. His hobby has become profitable.



Thomas Jedrzynski, Whitin apprentice and amateur taxidermist, derives pleasure and profit from mounting trophies of rod and gun for himself and others. Here he places an artificial body within the properly prepared skin of a ring-neck pheasant

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Congratulations and best wishes to Adolph Morin who has retired. He was presented a purse by our Foreman Byron Deane. . . . This was a big month for anniversaries. Congratulations and many more years of happiness to Joseph Brousseau, Bella Smith, Blanche Tougas, Evelyn Farrar and Terry Plante. . . . Two new grandparents are Aldea Peterson and Stella Nowak. Each has a grandson. . . . Good luck to Bob Pariseau who is sporting a new Chevrolet. . . . Happy birthday to Edyth Casey. . . . We wish to welcome Philip Larsen, Jr. as the new assistant to our foreman.

Celebrating the birthdays of Phyllis West, Pauline Bosma, and Rita Ferry, they and their associates, Sara Hanny, Elsie Koliss, Dot Forgit; Gwen Magowan, and Lucille Roy went to Ma Glockner's. Prior to the party Carl Bosma presented a corsage to each girl.

Harry Malkasian at this writing is a patient in the Memorial Hospital. . . . Say gang, how about those pictures of your vacation for a later issue of the SPINDLE? . . . A thought for the month: The fellow who spends most of his time minding other people's business, usually knows little about his own. (Courtesy of *Grit Magazine.*)

Wedgie Esposito, on Flag Day, successfully passed her driving test.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Congratulations to Jerry Levitre on his recent marriage, and to Harold Rider on his recent marriage to the former Miss Josephine Tabor. . . . Carl Wood is the proud owner of a car of later vintage than the one he previously owned. He just celebrated his 66th birthday. . . . Doc Morin has purchased a new ranch type home on Union Street in Linwood and he has invited everyone down to see all his new modern conveniences. Get the popcorn ready, Doc. . . . Department 429 Red Sox Club took in the recent Red Sox–Cleveland game and with the Red Sox winning, all had an enjoyable evening. . . . Joseph Audet is still out at this writing and it is with sincere hope that he will soon be back with us. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boucher on their recent addition to the family—a boy, Alan Arthur.

Anyone who has a quiet home-loving dog please get in contact with Franny Forsythe, who is at this time looking for one. . . . There are many lay-offs this month, too numerous to mention, but it is with fond hope, that we see all back again in the very near future. . . . Mrs. Edgar Baker recently had an operation and according to her husband's last report she is doing nicely. . . . Yours truly has been elected Grand Knight of Mumford Council Knights of Columbus. . . . Hope everyone enjoyed their recent vacations and will forward to me all pictures and interesting incidents that might have taken place.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is J. Harold Baszner (General Foreman). He was born in Whitinsville February 19, 1912, attended public schools and graduated from Northbridge High School and Hill's School of Commercial Science, Woonsocket, R. I. He was married June 25, 1938 in St. Patrick's Church to Yvonne Fournier of Whitinsville. They have five children, Joanne, Harold, Lillian and twin boys, Peter and Paul. He owns his own home and lives at 28 East Street. He entered the Freight Office April 20, 1936. Acted with the Worcester Players at Clark University and has appeared countless times on all the local stages. He is also very active in local and church affairs.

Beatrice Carpenter was very proud to display two trophies which she won in the Uxbridge Women's League, she was on the winning team and had high average. Congratulations. . . . John Straube transferred from Department 413 and is now working with Walter Departie. . . . Gerald T. McCarthy left St. Andre's office to accept a civil service position in Natick. New faces around the department are: Agnes S. Creighton, Virginia E. Lindblom, and Russell J. Braman, welcome. We also welcome Rene Morrissette in the Freight Office. . . . Congratulations to Samuel Bachand upon receiving his fifteen-year pin, to Romeo T. Roy and Arthur W. Langelier, Jr. their ten-year pins, to Emile L. Merchant and Normand A. Flamand their five-year pins. . . . Sure great to see James C. Rice back on the job. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landry and family have moved into their new home on Linwood Street. . . . Freight Office picnic was held at Manchaug Pond. A good time was had by all. . . . Edward Danis will go on a two weeks cruise, he is attached with the Naval Reserve. . . . A party was held at Treasure Island Club in Webster in honor of Christine Lozier who is leaving to devote her time to household duties.

Adolph Morin, Department 451, retired on May 31 after 50 years of service. He received a purse from his associates

James Colton, Jr., of Department 411 owns a reconditioned 1930 Ford coupe with only 306 miles on it

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

This month we greet Ernest J. Lemire of the Cut-Off Job as the personality of the month. Ernie was born February 24, 1910 in St. Charles, P.Q. At an early age, his family moved stateside to Linwood where Ernie attended the local schools including Northbridge High. He first worked for the Whitin Bros. in the Linwood Cotton Mill. He stayed in their employ for sixteen years. In 1940, he entered W.M.W. as a trucker in 410. He is still working in 410 but as a set up and utility man. His father, Amedee, is employed as a truck driver at W.M.W. and his mother is Georgianna (Jolly) Lemire, now living in Linwood. In 1934, Irene Baillargeon of Whitinsville became Mrs. Lemire, at St. Patrick's Church. They have one son Robert, now 19 years old. Robert is in the U. S. Navy and stationed in North Carolina as a Medic. Ernie is a rabid Red Sox fan and enjoys watching TV. He was once an amateur wrestler and competed in the New England finals losing the title by one point. Ernest with the help of Joseph Beaudoin, a professional carpenter, built his own house located at 175 Fletcher Street in town. Ernie is a good co-worker and very co-operative.

Wedding anniversary celebrated by Sheriff and Mrs. Nichols of Upton, their eleventh. . . . We welcome Armand McCollum formerly of Department 413 as a co-worker.

Did you know that—Larry Warden is the only man in the city of Woonsocket to drive a foreign made Volkswagen. . . . Richard Flinton was at one time a leader in the Boy Scouts Troop of East Douglas. . . . Emile Aussant is the present Commander of Oliver Aston Post No. 343, The American Legion in Northbridge and is a true New York Yankee fan. . . . Henry "Slim" Charron is looking for a good housekeeper. . . . Joseph Frank Rousseau was a bread maker at Belisle's Bakery in Woonsocket. . . . Harvey Croteau, also known as "Sgt. Bilko," was a Technical Sergeant in the Air Force while stationed in the Philippines. . . . Thomas Pottie, better known as "Tonto," is the best fisherman in Department 432, and credit is due to Joe Hvizdash's night crawlers. . . . Henry Deslauriers was driver of Hose No. 1 of the Woonsocket Fire Department a few years ago. . . . Ronald Bibeault was and still is a member of the Auxiliary Civilian Defense Police in Woonsocket. He and several others worked as much as twenty-five hours straight during the August flood of Woonsocket. . . . John Bartlenski is the quietest man on 432.

Note of appreciation and a big "Thank You" to Plant Security Guard Ken Hebert for closing car windows whenever a sudden New England storm appears. Services of this kind are too often taken for granted and we want Ken to know of our appreciation.

Hope you enjoyed your vacation—pass that sunburn lotion will ya!

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

On June 16, the boys went on a fishing trip from Plymouth. The ladies were invited too but declined. I refused to be ballast which was the reason for the invitation. We expect pictures of this event for the next SPINDLE since the event was held too late to meet the deadline. . . . Clarence Visser acquired a new Pontiac. The Ralph Houghtons are sporting another new car in the family. Last year Ralph, Sr. bought a 1955 Dodge. This year Ralph, Jr. bought a 1956 Dodge. Pleasant motoring all. . . . Birthday greetings are in order for Lawrence Gilmore, Nelson Bartlett, and John Dominick who celebrate on the 29th, the 30th and the 31st, respectively.

Ernest Lemire, standing in the center, is the Personality of the month for Department 410

William Mayberry of Department 411 had h name submitted to the "Truth or Consequence program as o possible twin for Jack Bail

We hope everyone enjoyed a pleasa vacation.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

Core Room: Happy birthday wishes t Arsen Ovian, Garabed Bedrosian, Rome LeBlanc, J. Iver Johnson and Konstantin Lipka. . . . We welcome Antonio Bruneau, Paul E. Lambert, Lawrence Jackman, Robert C. Keeler and Allan I Davidson. . . . We are glad to hav Marinus Bosma back with us again, h has fully recovered from his recent oper tion. . . . Arsen Ovian went to th hospital May 27, and was operated on. H is home again, doing nicely.

Our Foreman Gerrit H. Ebbeling enjoye a trip to Niagara Falls on his vacatio His Assistant Newell S. Oliver flew out t California to visit his son and his daughte

Foundry Production Control: At th time of this writing, there is little news, bu when this article is published I feel su everyone will have enjoyed their vacatio and there should be plenty of vacatio news and snapshots available. More abou vacations in the August issue. . . . "Red Vincent recently went on two fishing trip The first at least was very fruitful and som of us are still eating some of the fish he s kindly passed around. . . . Wedding an niversaries this month include the 15th fo Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lupien, the 13th fo Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferry and the 6th fo Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Queenan. . . . Ou only birthday greeting this month goes t my co-writer, Grace Heath, many happ returns of the day, Grace. . . . Welcom to Marilyn Blair who is now with Foundr Wage Standards, working in the Co Room Division.

BOLSTER JOB

by C. Kheboian

Ed Bibeau, our forty-year representative to the Forty Year Club of W.M.W., attended the banquet and enjoyed himself very much. . . . Harold Flinton is back on the day shift. He attended the Red Sox ball game with the members of the Baseball Club. . . . We welcome back Bernie Gately and Gene Thomas who were absent because of illness. . . . We also extend get well wishes to John Gjeltema who is in the hospital. . . . A hello to new men Oscar Mooradian, Walter Wywal, Ernest Descoteaux, Roland Larue and to Flora Grenon, Florian Boucher who were former employees of our department.

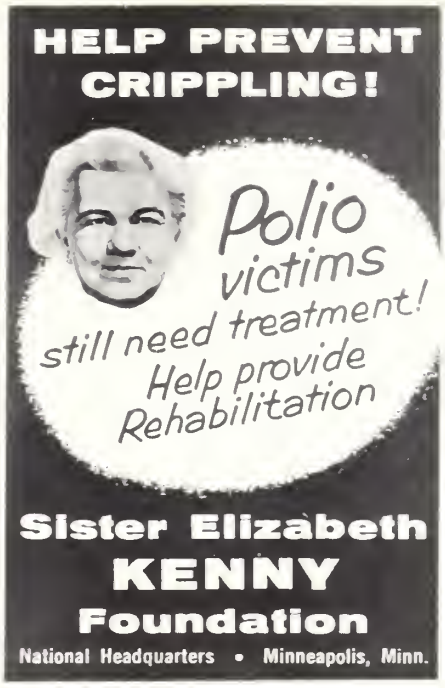
Out of about 50 men in our department about 20 have twenty or more years seniority. A pretty good record. . . . Walter Turpack claims to have caught a horn pout weighing 4½ pounds; not being a fisherman, I don't know if this is true but Walter insists it is. . . . William Vandersloot has taken two weeks off and has gone to Wisconsin. Hope the heat doesn't bother all those on vacation.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Ken Harrington

The department's recent deep sea fishing trip was quite a success. Bill Smith caught a 44 lb. cod and here is the picture to prove it. Henry Nelson went along and gave advice as to what to do to keep from being seasick and no one did get sick. John Drainville went along just for the ride. . . . Art Frueh who hopes to become a Frogman soon just took his first dive. Even wearing winter underwear, Art was so cold from the water he said he didn't thaw out for three days. . . . Birthday greetings to Reynold Boucher, Kirby Hall, Ernest Wellman, and Pete Babowitch. . . . I hope everyone had a safe and pleasant vacation.

Bill Smith, General Machining, on the left, caught this forty-four pound Cod on a recent deep-sea fishing trip. John Megerdichian is on the right



CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Apologies are in order. Last month we erroneously called Maurice Valois a navigator. Such is not the case because Maurice proudly wears the silver wings of an Air Force pilot. . . . If you were wondering why Bob Connelly has been going around with his eyes only half open, it is the result of attending a pair of prolonged night games at Fenway Park. . . . This month we bid farewell to Walter Rej and Walter Wywal who have been transferred to the Bolster Job. . . . Congratulations to Bill Hodson and Mrs. Hodson on their silver anniversary May 23. . . . Willis Buchman recalled 24 years of marital bliss on June 6. . . . Bill Gjeltema added another candle on his birthday cake June 7. Bill's father is currently in the hospital, the result of a heart attack. We're all pulling for him, Bill.

The following are vacation reports from our foreign correspondent: "Len" Hinchliffe spent most of his two weeks in the wilds of Maine. Bill Donahue took his wife to sunny Florida. Frank Larochelle, Mike Courtemanche, and Leo Dufresne invaded Canada. Charles "Hole-In-One" Malkasian spent a few days at Old Orchard. Later he rushed down to the Raceway golf course in Connecticut where he immediately pitched his pup tent for the rest of the three weeks. Nick Beccia and his brother Lewis spent their two weeks in upstate New York near the Thousand Islands. Nick and the rest of the Yankee Division participated in summer field training at Camp Drum. Arthur Houle took his family to the Cape to get their suntans.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Bert Kroll has a new Nash—a shiny red and white one. . . . Offers have been streaming in for Newky ever since his performance at the church supper April 27. On interviewing him he was heard to say "I owe it all to those crazy plaid shorts!" . . . Francis Veau doesn't always answer fire alarms and find fires! The night of June 4 he answered a call, and found a cat up a tree. . . . We are sorry to report that Arthur McKane and Bert Kroll have been out sick for a long while. Best of luck to both of you. . . . Martha, our stock clerk, received a diamond from Roger Tashereau of Department 420. No date has been set for the wedding as yet. . . . Hope you had a wonderful vacation.

INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION

by Bill McGuire

The personality for this month is Raymond D. Roy, operator of freight elevator 9. He has worked for Whitin since February 2, 1955. Ray was born in Linwood May 6, 1926 and attended schools in Northbridge. Ray worked for Paul Whitin Mfg. Co. for about eight years before coming to Whitin. He is a nice fellow and is serious and particular about his work.

At present the following men are out sick: Patrick Devaney, Joseph Chausse, Joseph Hebert, and Charles Racicot. . . . Ken Richardson has been transferred to Department 404 as night supervisor of the clean-up group. . . . Paul Lowiska, material handler, has left for other work. Richard Dufault has been transferred from the Yard to take his place.

Freight elevator operator Ray Ray is the Personality this month for Department 407

MILLING DEPARTMENT

by Harry Ludvigson

The best of luck to William Proffitt who retired on May 31 after working at Whitin's for 33 years. Bill started with us on February 25, 1923 and before coming to the Milling Job in 1928, he spent the first five years on the Roll Job, Bolster Job, Blacksmith Job and in the Yard. Mr. and Mrs. Proffitt make their home on West Hartford Avenue in North Uxbridge. They have one daughter, the wife of Mr. Stuart White of Department 434, and two grandchildren. Bill was presented with a chaise lounge by our Foreman Mr. Irving Orrell in behalf of the employees of our department. We all wish him the best of health in the future.

Thomas Jedrzynski was transferred to Department 572 on June 4. . . . Norman Beauchamp of 416 and Miss Barbara Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Forsythe of North Main Street, Whitinsville will be married at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, September 1. Mr. Francis Forsythe, future father-in-law is employed on Department 429. Miss Alice Forsythe, sister of the bride-to-be will be bridesmaid and Mr. Willard Monville of Rockdale will be the best man. . . . The Married Men's Club whose purpose is to watch the Red Sox piling up victories over their less capable opponents, have been rather quiet of late as the Red Sox are having a hard time of it finding opponents that are less capable. . . . We are all sorry to hear that William Fitzpatrick is a patient at the Milford Hospital. We hope that by the time this issue of the SPINDLE is published that he will be out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery. Write to him at Grove Street, Milford, Mass.

Those two big weeks that everyone was looking forward to have come and gone and we are all striving to get back into the old groove again. It seems that the majority of the employees spent their vacation lolling around in their back yards but quite a few did go away for a week or two. Canada and the Northern New England States were toured by Edward Boutiette, Thomas Jedrzynski, Aime Aussant, Pasquale Criasia, Norman Beauchamp; Mary Whalen at Peaks Island, Maine; Henry LeBlanc at Keene, New Hampshire and Hampton Beach; Noel Arel at Burlington, Vermont and Sorel, Quebec; William Lynch at Mechanic Falls, Maine. Rose Wood, Thomas Daley, Nicholas DeLucia, George Dawe, Nicholas Colonero and Owen Flood spent their vacations at the Cape. Others and the various places they visited were Chester Roaf at his cottage in Buttonwood, R. I.; Albert Gagnon, Endicott, New York; Bizar Hagopian, Miami Beach, Florida; Everett Leclaire at Monument Beach, Massachusetts; Aime Rainville, Princeton, Maine; Laurence Southwick, White Mountains; Paul Christian, Biloxi, Mississippi; Merrill True, York Beach; Lucien Benoit and Rosario Vermette motored through Florida. . . . Mary Whalen is back at work after being at St. Vincent's Hospital for four days. She had occasion to visit with Mrs. Harry Ludvigson who was a patient at that time also.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

We have a personality for this year, Alfred J. Brothers. "Al" was born in New York State in September 1877 and attended the local schools. He was employed at the Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company for 37 years before coming to this department where he has been for 15 years. Alfred lives with his oldest son at Plummers. There were four sons and a daughter in the family. Al enjoys his T.V.

Louis Roy and family with relatives spent a memorable Memorial Day. Desiring refreshments the group stopped at a dairy bar in Mendon for hot dogs. While eating Louis felt something damp in back of him. On turning his head he discovered a tray of six milk shakes behind him, one of which had tipped over. In an attempt to get away from the spilt milk Louis knocked over the other five milk shakes. To say he was covered with milk from head to foot is an understatement.

Sid Frieswyk, one of our expert fishermen, caught a shiner the other night but not on a hook. Sid was hit on the left eye by a baseball. . . . Ray Pariseau is back with us after a spell in the Air Force and a hospital siege resulting from a motorcycle accident. Welcome back, Ray. . . . Wedding anniversary greetings are in order: To Louis Roy 19 years, Pete Berthelette 30 years and Gertrude Boucher 35 years. Congratulations. . . . Celebrating birthdays this month are Stella Damarjian, Gloria Cousineau, and Joseph Plante. Many happy returns.

Hope you all enjoyed your vacations.

It's out, the news of "Our Bill's" wedding to Cecilia St. Thomas, now Mrs. William J. Fogarty, at St. Paul's Church in Blackstone on June 16, 1956. You sure had us fooled Billy, we thought you had a permanent abode across the street at the Blue Eagle Inn. The best of luck from us all to you and your bride.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

This month's personality is Charles W Wilson. Charlie, as he is better known to his co-workers, was born in East Douglas on April 11, 1902. He moved to Maine in 1920. He was married in Maine to Rutl Libby and they are the parents of two sons Alfred age 27 and Edward age 31. He was once employed as a signalman for the Bostor

When William Proffitt, Department 416, retired on May 31 after 33 years of service, he received from his associates a chaise lounge

and Maine Railroad and later, after returning to Fisherville, was employed as manager of the building hardware division at Brierly Lombard Company in Worcester. He came to the shop in 1917 where he is presently working on the Sheet Metal Job. Charlie has done solo, quartet and chorus work and at one time directed the Glee Club at the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. He is also a charter member of the Whitin Male Glee Club. Charlie likes to hunt and fish and he and his wife spend all their spare time at their camp on Tucker Lake, Manehaug.

Paint Job Drippings: Francis Deveau has returned to work after a short illness. Francis, who is 70 years old and has worked on the Paint Job for 41 years, still does a good day's work. . . . Donald Henry recently took an electrician's apprentice exam.

Ross Rajotte has added bee raising to his list of hobbies. . . . Norman Baker is really a big time gardener, he plants by the acre. . . . Eddie Nuttall, the number one Red Sox rooter, has not missed a Saturday, Sunday, or night game on the recent home stand of the Bosox. He was at the White Sox game June 8 as was Jim Fisher and Dorsey Devlin, all of whom wished for a set of good warm "long johns." . . . Ken Greenwood recently spent a week at the tenth annual meeting of the Forest Products Research meeting in Asheville, North Carolina.

While we're not positive who caught these stripers off Provincetown, Cape Cod, during the summer of 1955, we note that it is Irving Larson, right, and William Spratt, center, who appear happy. Charlie Wells, left, plans to catch some fish like these 17 to 29 pounders this year. William is the son of James of the Gear Job and Mrs. Sprott of the Main Office

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Did you know that: Omer Dubois is building a six room ranch type house in South Bellingham and hopes to occupy it in October. . . . George Neely (repair man) had the misfortune of having a wild dog get into his duck pen and kill nearly all his ducks. . . . Arthur Belval has bought and moved into a duplex house in North Uxbridge. . . . The Albert Dion that was elected to a trustee's position in the local union is Shorty Dion the repair man. . . . Joe Rosol is now Commander of the local D.A.V. . . . Dom Bombredi and Kenneth Guertin actually bet on the Steve Palooka and Foxy Breen fight in the comic section. . . . The Edgewood Golf Club in East Douglas was owned and operated by Frank Bosma (grinder hand) and his cousin Henry Bosma. . . . Joseph Forcier is in Woonsocket Hospital. . . . Roy Webb and Joseph Bartlett, Jr. are ill at home and Alfred Milano is also laid up at home with an injured knee.

Vacations: Fred Cowburn at Hampton Beach; Joe Hoogendyke toured the southern states; Tom Chasse caught up with his work at home; Roland (Humphrey) Fontaine dug quahogs in Rhode Island; William Baines went to Florida; Bob Couture passed some time on Cape Cod with his almost new Buick; George Moran and Donat Lariviere to Winnipesauke, New Hampshire; William Hughes visited with friends and relatives in Maine; Phil Skillen was at a camp in New Hampshire; Charles Resan went to Canada; John Torosian was at his cottage in Marshfield, Mass.; Eugene Lussier was golfing; Howard Walker fished at Narragansett Bay; Leonard Bousquet at his cottage at Point Judith; Fred Kollet took in some of the Red Sox ball games; Russell Bailey just visited at home; Bob Dunford helped his brother build a new house; Ernest Kooistra and Garrit Opperwall took day trips to the beach.

Congratulations to Herman Haagsma on his promotion to Research. . . . A Tool Job clam bake is in the making. As of now the plans call for it to be held at Point Breeze, Webster the first Saturday in August.

CARD SMALL PARTS

by Dorica Thompson

Birthday greetings to Rita Deome, Richard Sanderson and Doris Thompson. . . . Albert Poudrier received his 15-year pin. . . . We welcome Leo Joanis. . . . Phyllis Roberts, daughter of Leo Roberts, is on a 30-day leave. She is stationed at Connelly Air Base, Texas. . . . Vacations: Sidney Daubney, Wareham; Chick Lavallee, Washington, D.C.; Francis Jacobs, Maine; Muggsy, Hampton Beach; Edward Laquerre, Canada; Rita Lapoint, Montreal; George Forsythe, Point Judith; Clarence Porter, Kansas City, Missouri; William Haley, Wallum Lake; Arthur Cournoyer, New York; Titus Ebbeling, Cape Cod; Harvey Fleury, Point Judith; and Ernie Bonoyer spent his vacation golfing. Donald Corbeille, Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fleury are celebrating their 28 years of marriage June 25. Congratulations. We wish you many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson spent their vacation in Canada and Maine.

I hope everyone had a happy vacation.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

by Stanley W. Krula

The vacation season is here and a few of the boys have already enjoyed a holiday from work. Peter Kusiak spent two weeks making a new lawn, and certainly his work was not in vain, for he has received many compliments from his neighbors on the good job he did. It was not all work and no play, however, for Pete is an ardent Red Sox fan, and he did take time out to see a few games in Boston. . . . R. Peloquin visited in Canada for several days, and though dampened by rainy weather he reports his trip was most enjoyable. . . . George Dancause also vacationed for two weeks, and with his new bride too. At this writing Al Bernard is on vacation too. We should have a report from him for the next issue.

Falida Chenevert is still out sick, but we have first-hand information that he will soon be back with us. . . . New man on the sick list is Gideon Fontaine of Research Division. Gideon suffered injuries in a fall recently, but he too is mending quickly and we hope it won't be too long before he returns. . . . June 15 we were happy to have Mr. Ovila Dion, former supervisor of Department 460, pay us a visit and talk over old times. Mr. Dion retired several years ago, but still comes in about every three months to say "hello."

Department 416 has submitted, as a souvenir of Pete Nash's youth, this picture of New Bedford as it looked in 1810

CAST IRON ROOM

by Elizabeth Sherman

This month we have as our personality of the month Mr. William Harris who lives at 28 A Street, Whitinsville. Mr. Harris came to work at Whitin Machine Works June 16, 1922 and is a grinder of small parts in the Cast Iron Room. He saw service in the First World War when he enlisted in the Canadian Army. He and his wife, the former Dora Lincourt, had three children, two daughters who live with them and one son, Merrill, who was killed in Germany. Merrill was employed by Whitin Machine Works before he entered the Service and worked in the Pattern Loft. Mr. Harris was born in England and came to America in 1911. At that time he lived in New Bedford before coming to Whitinsville in 1922. He plans to spend his vacation at Nantucket Sound.

We wish a speedy recovery to Toros Touloumjian who is in the hospital. . . . Antoinette Bourgeois is also out sick; we hope she will be back soon. . . . Some of the boys went on a fishing trip to Plymouth on May 20. The fishing wasn't very good but Roger Vandemoortele got a nice sunburn. . . . A. Tardie who works in the Foundry received first prize for catching a 6 pound conga eel. . . . Agnes Picard's son, Richard, certainly is one in a million. This 14-year old boy went house to house and collected $22 for Cerebral Palsy. . . . Stanley Chudy celebrated his birthday May 20. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Harris were married 25 years May 21, 1956.

CARPENTER SHOP AND MISCELLANEOUS WOODWORK

by Ben Brouwer

We welcome back to our department Andrew N. D. Sanborn, Norman J. Choinicre and Lester R. Wilcox. . . . We wish to congratulate John R. Bogic, Charles Todd, and Kenneth L. Meader on their wedding anniversaries. . . . Happy birthday to Charles Todd, Andrew Sanborn, Norman Choinicre and Kenneth Meader. . . . By the time this article goes to press, Edward Skowronski will have moved to another home in Worcester. . . . Arthur Bodwell is convalescing at his home from an accident he suffered recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Norman Choinierc has returned to his own department. We enjoyed knowing him and wish him luck in the future. . . . Paul Grenon, who chose the last week of May as his third vacation week, spent it in Canada. We were sorry that the death of his aunt saddened the week. . . . Henry Such is the only person celebrating in any way—a July birthday. We wish you many more Henry. . . . Jim Dorsey flew to Buffalo, N. Y., and enjoyed the trip. . . . Jack Young was best man at the wedding of Jack Kelliher and Joy Varteresian.

LOST AND FOUND

Several articles of value have been found and have been turned in to the Security Office. The owners may recover same by identifying them.

CAPT. STEPHEN MACDONALD

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

by Thomas Frieswyk

We extend our sincere congratulations to: Thomas Blackburn, son of Bob Blackburn, who received his B.A. degree from Duke University on June 4. Tom played for the Whitin baseball team for one season before entering the university. . . . Paul Bergeron received his First Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, on June 3. Patricia Bergeron was awarded a week's vacation at Hickory Hill Girl Scout Camp for her part in a recent Uxbridge Girl Scout Peanut Sale. Patricia's sales amounted to $153, more than half of the total amount sold. They are the children of Eddie Bergeron.

Louis Wojtowicz received his 15-year pin and George Drolet received his 5-year pin . . . Wilfred Courteau has returned to work after his long illness; and Mrs. Thomas Mateer is home from the hospital and making satisfactory progress. . . . We've just learned that the planned trans-Atlantic trip of Mr. and Mrs. James Daubney is in celebration of their fortieth wedding anniversary. . . . May we suggest that for some golf players the word "fore" be changed to "three"! That is the number of stitches that were required to close the gash on Tom Mateer's cheek after he was hit by a golf ball.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

It seems good to be able to go swimmin again after the long cold winter. We wen up to Wallum Lake the other evening fo a swim and were happy to find Dorse Devlin of Crib 25 on duty as Life Guar again this year. . . . Ken Hudson ordere a new pair of swimming trunks from Sear and was upset to find that coral isn't so of a tan color.

Our birthday greetings for the month g to Butch Surowiec, Hugh Mateer, Fre Chaffee and Pete Young. . . . Stev Stanick, one of the packers at 445 starte his new home in Douglas.

BOLSTER JOB

by Charles Kheboian

We are all glad to hear that Barney Gat ly is now up and around and expect he wi back to work soon. . . . Bob Cochrar and Harold Flinton have painted the boats and are getting their cottages reac for summer. . . . Leo Bouley and Edwar Roberts are near completion on their T.' and Radio Repairman Training. . . . W welcome Joe Wojnar, a new employee, ar welcome back Walter Rej and Flori Boucher. The Inspection Department h also added Robert Gauvin and Yvet Gauthier to their roster.

Henry Gervais has his own way of telling the weather. Henry says that if his cat sleeps curled like a ball it will be cool. If the cat sleeps with its feet in the air it will rain or snow. Maybe the weather bureau should get in touch with Henry. . . . By the time this is being read our baseball club will have attended its first game. We hope the two members working nights will have been able to go along.

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

Joe Rembiszewski, our inspector in 421, is our top golfer in the department. Joe, a veteran of the game, has been challenged by inspector Zarmin Dagirmanjian who has just taken up the sport. Zarmin thinks he is already as good a golfer as Joe. . . . Transfers from 421: Rudolph Petrin to 439, Armand Lebrecque and Clarence Porter to 422, William Andrews to Wage Standards, and Dave Faneuf and Jim Davis have gone to Pratt & Whitney where they will be apprentices in Die Making. Good luck to you. . . . Buster Caswell is back on the job after a complete recovery from an operation. . . . John Pate has been transferred to the Foundry.

I would like to thank each of you for wishing my wife well in her recent major operation. It's nice to know we have so many kind friends. Thanks again.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

The great geologist Buster Bromley has already snared a swan and another large trout outside his home just over the Sutton Line—good shot though. . . . Clint

Mystery photo for Department 447. Picture was taken in 1920

"Daughter, you'd better come right home. Junior's on the warpath again!"

White, back home after his operation at St. Vincent Hospital, will be glad to see all his friends and co-workers. . . . Ben Scott traveled to New Hampshire to make reservations for his vacation and upon arrival found he had left his money at home. His friends came to the rescue. . . . Ben caught a parakeet in the shop last month. Upon investigation it was found to belong to M. Morin at the W.M.W. Garage. . . . Any old coins collected during your vacation will be of interest to Oskar Mayr. . . . Birthdays celebrated in June: Harry Cornell, Ray Roche, Michael J. Feen, Sr. . . . Bill Collins celebrated his birthday in May. . . . Wedding anniversaries: Garabed Katchigian, Sidney DeJong, Armand Henault, Clinton White, Alex McFarland, Ray Roche, Wade Mills, William Rutana, James Woodburn, and Arsene Racicot.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Belated birthday greetings for May are extended to Ray Basinet, Bertrand Levitre and Tom Tycks. Birthday greetings for June and July are extended to Albert Buma, Bill Markarian, Herman Picard, Vic Fagnant, Bill LeBlanc, Ray Roy, Normand Proulx, Constantino Cellere, Roger Ledoux, Napoleon Ledoux, Fred Fournier, Gordon Anderson and "yours truly." . . . Belated anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William LeBlanc and to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pickering. . . . Anniversary greetings for June and July are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bouffard, their 31st and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neslusan. May you all enjoy a happy day and enjoy many more of them together.

Nap Ledoux says he didn't buy a new car like someone he knows, he just had the old car overhauled. Well, Nap, I bought a new car but I just as soon have your repair bill in exchange.

Arthur Gauvin had a narrow escape the other week when his foot slid under the power mower while cutting the grass. Luckily he had his safety shoe on or he would have lost half his foot. Accidents can happen just as easy at home as they can in the shop, so it is best to always be prepared.

Well vacation time will be over by the time the SPINDLE goes to press so I will try and give you an idea where some of us spent our vacations: Ralph True, Cape Cod; Arthur Picard, Cape Cod; Roland LaFontaine, Cape Cod; Tom Tycks, Cape Cod and Vermont; Bill Todd, Maine; Arthur Berube, Michigan; Joe Waterman, Michigan; Arthur Gauvin, California; Fred Fournier, Maine; Emma Philbrook, Point Judith; Fred Bouffard, Canada; Nap Ledoux, Canada; Bill Markarian, Providence; Ray Basinet, Point Judith; Bill Such, Hampton Beach; Ray Fitton, Misquamicutt; Mrs. Spencer, Lake George, Vermont and New Hampshire; Marcel Beausoliel, Jamestown; Beatrice Winchell, New Hampshire; Walter Solina, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont; Percy Luchini, Florida; Roland LaFontaine, Cape Cod; Arthur Ricard, Cape Cod and Canada; Ed Ryan, Washington; John Lewandowski, Cape Cod; Al Buma, New Hampshire and New Bedford; Clinton Tracy, Cape Cod; Joe Bruneau, Canada. The others are just going to stay home or take day trips here and there. Hope you all enjoyed your vacations. . . . Charley Barney's children from Washington, D.C., are visiting him during vacation.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Donald Amiro

Except for the vacation period Wage Standards is a closely knit group. This year the office personnel has been scattered north and south from Maine to Florida and east and west from Cape Cod to Chicago. Lee Watson has the distance record, it being to Florida to see his son and family. Almond and Mrs. Cousins traveled to Chicago to see their daughter.

Arthur Ricard, Department 426, caught his fifteen pound pollack off Cape Cod

E. KENT SWIFT, BOARD CHAIRMAN, AWARDED HONORARY DEGREE AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE

E. Kent Swift, board chairman of Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters at the 167th commencement of Williams College, Sunday, June 10. A graduate of Williams in 1900, Mr. Swift became associated with the Whitin Machine Works that year. He has been board chairman since 1946, and, at one time he was a director of 35 companies. He served 30 years as chairman of the Northbridge Finance Committee.

. . . Due to the lack of space in the Cost Department, Howard Anderson and his Duplicator group are occupying a section of our office. . . . Jean Cahill's mother is doing nicely after an operation.

Don Amiro had a very pleasant experience recently. One of the newcomers, Michael Ostak, made himself known to Don and the results were that they had met 11 years ago this July in a railroad yard in Reims, France while they were in the Army. Don was a Railroad Yardmaster and Ostak, while waiting to be shipped home, had prisoner guard duty in the same yard. Neither had known the other before and each had lost track of the other until Ostak walked into the office. It's a small world.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

We extend a hearty welcome to Beverly Keeler, Nancy Blakely, James Colthart, Joseph Connors and James West who have joined our ranks for the summer months. . . . We are all glad to see Oscar Erickson and Ray Tebeau back to work after a long stay in the Whitinsville Hospital. Ray created quite a sensation around town from his little room on the maternity floor. This incident was brought to the public attention by a recent cartoon in the *Worcester Evening Gazette* by Mr. Al Banx. The gang at the office was very helpful and cooperative in sending Ray many cards of congratulations on the blessed event. . . . We hope that by now Millie Amiro has recovered from her recent severe allergy attack. . . . Best of luck to Telex Richard who is now working for Roy Benner. . . . Also good luck to Marshall Clark and Larry Sarafian in their new assignments costing the Duplicator.

The members of the office recently held a party at Aunt Mary's for Peggy Vincent and Al Destrempes, in honor of their coming marriage, and presented them with gifts for their new home. Best wishes to both of them. . . . Armand Plouffe and his wife spent a week motoring through New Hampshire and Quebec. Helen Cotter spent a few days with a girl friend at the beautiful Hotel Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. . . . Bradley Brown found out the hard way that when competing in a peanut-rolling race you should always use "unshelled" peanuts and make sure the rug isn't too rough.

Roland Farrar was invited by his daughter Elaine to attend the Girl Scout Parents' Night at the Community House in Uxbridge. Elaine received her second-class scout pin, the Hospital Badge and second prize for a recent selling campaign. After the entertainment a lunch was served by the girls.

"In this portion of the sales meeting, Mr. Trevor will show how he cracks and sells a tough account."

"...and *with* sugar, it's a nickel!"

Birthdays: Mildred Amiro, Beverly Keeler, John Miracle.

Anniversaries: Florence and Armand LeBeau—their 15th, Peg and Dick Hanny—their 12th, Barbara and David Greeno—their 10th, Pauline and Leo Hagan—their 8th, Lillian and Douglas Follett—their 2nd.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Bernice Darcy

The welcome mat is out for June Fessenden, Frances Healy, Shirley Preston, and Jim Bernard. . . . We are sorry to see Bea Fior leave us, and wish her the best of luck. . . . On June 9, a group of the fellows went on a fishing party, my what a party! It seems that Harold Miller, Les Benton, Joe Roche, Ed Desjourdy and Peter Bedrosian (an ex-Navy man) couldn't take the waves, or could it have been Eddie's cigar. Seb Kalousdian and Penny Havener were the only two who were not sick, but of course, there was a reason, they both took seasickness pills the night before. . . . The members of the Philatelist Club of the Engineering Department will resume their meetings in the fall. . . . Anniversary wishes are sent out to Stuart and Mrs. Visser, on their 20th wedding anniversary and to Burt and Flora McGaw on their 5th. . . . We also congratulate Bob and Janet Crossland, on the birth of a daughter, Judith Anne, born on May 17, and Stanley and Mrs. Witek on the birth of a daughter on June 18. . . . Get well wishes are sent to James Fior, son of Ted Fior, who is under observation at Worcester Memorial Hospital. . . . We wish the best of luck to John Greenlund who was married on June 30 to Margaret Daniels in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. . . . Andy Fitzgerald received his A.E. degree from Worcester Junior College on June 10, congratulations Andy. . . . Alice Ovoian received her five-year pin on June 7. Congratulations to her also. . . . Joe Branigan was a guest at the Allen-Bradley Company, on May 15, in Boston. . . . Bob Courtemanche and family will be moving into

John Wesley's advice was:

"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the places you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

What a wonderful world this would become if we all were to adopt and follow this admonition!

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heir new home at Griswold Court, Uxridge, Mass., very soon. . . . It seems hat one Saturday morning Henry Rivet vas caught with empty pockets when he ulled up to a parking meter. Thanks to Bob Crossland, who was a passerby, Henry vas spared a parking ticket. Vacation time s here and the Hastings family will be ound for the Adirondacks and northern New York; John Tebeau, Lake Winnipeaukee; Kitty Sullivan, Canada, Montreal, Niagara Falls, and State Beach, Newburyort, Mass. Ernest Plant will be touring New York State and Pennsylvania; Joe Branigan, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Virgin slands and Bermuda; Jack Ratcliffe, North Pole in New York State; Otto chlums, Augusta, Georgia and Shreveport, Louisiana.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

y Marge Newton and ad Wallace

Production's *Personality-of-the-Month* is Victor R. "Ticky" Romasco. Possibly ou may call him "Vic," but "Vic" or Ticky," he is probably one of the better nown Production employees in the plant. He was born and raised in Uxbridge, and vas educated in the public schools in that own, graduating from Uxbridge High chool in 1934. He furthered his education vith two years of law at Northeastern. Vic" came to Whitin in 1937 and worked n many departments throughout the plant ntil July of 1942 when he entered the ervice as an Aviation Cadet. He received is commission in November of 1943 after eing qualified to fly both fighter planes nd "B-17's." He then joined the Eighth Air Force in England and flew 24 combat nissions before he was shot down over Germany on June 24, 1944. He remained prisoner of the Germans for a year before eing liberated. "Vic" is entitled to wear he Purple Heart, the Air Medal with 4 ak leaf clusters, the European Theater Medal with 2 battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. Upon return from his tour f duty, "Vic" and Muriel Ann Wood were narried in 1945 and reside in their own home on Linwood Avenue with their three children Cheryl Ann aged 10, Stephen 8 years old, and 2 year old Mark. "Vic" is justly proud of his home because he not only helped to build it, but has spent many hours making it even more attractive. He is presently discharging the duties of Chief Expediter, a position he has held for 10 years. He is president of the Production Department Golf League this year. He has three outstanding hobbies, photography, golf, and if given an opportunity will serve up a few thousand well chosen words about the Yankees, his favorite ball club.

Because their wedding anniversaries fell on the same date, June 16, the Hector Chausses and Jackie Gilchrists spent that week end in New York City, seeing the sights and taking in a couple of good shows. Both have reported that they had a wonderful time and are looking ahead to next yeas for a similar celebration. The Chausser celebrated their 24th and the Gilchrists their 8th.

We have some information on this year's vacationers, and we hope that in the next issue we are able to have much more for you. Ted and Betty Bisson went to Bermuda, Pat DiSalvo and Henrietta Hoogendyke to Florida, Fern Arpin to Canada and upper New York State, Blanche Fullerton to Maine, Jack and Simone Gilchrist and family to Lake George, Red and Helen Adams and family to New Hampshire, Betty Bonaventura to New Jersey, Marge and Harry Newton to Atlantic City and Maine, Irving Lightbown to Lake Sebago in Maine, Lester and Mrs. Dermody to Cascade Lodge, Saco, Maine, Tad Wallace and family to New Hampshire and Cape Cod, Jim Bernard to Stevens Pond in Manchaug where Jim built a beautiful summer cottage last year, and Ann McCann spent her vacation moving into her new home. This is only a partial list. The above people were very cooperative when asked about their vacations. You who are not mentioned please let the reporters know how you spent your vacation and please give us some pictures, everybody.

"Your application for office boy looks fine . . . Who is this 'Rover' you give as 'personal reference'?"

George W. Shaw, of Machine Control, to receive award

WHITIN EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE AWARD

Mr. George W. Shaw, employee of the Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, has received notice from the headquarters of National Association of Cost Accountants that he is to be the recipient of a "Certificate of Merit" under the Lybrand Award Competition. This award is made to authors of outstanding contributions to industrial accounting literature during the Association's 1955–1956 business year.

Mr. Shaw's award has earned considerable points for the Worcester Chapter of N.A.C.A. in the National Chapter competition. He is an active member of the Worcester Chapter, and currently holds office as Director of Special Activities.

He is supervisor of Machine Control and has been employed at the Whitin Machine Works for the past 16 years. Drawing from his experience at the plant, Mr. Shaw wrote an accounting manuscript entitled "Material Handling on an Incentive Basis." He has outlined in his manuscript how time standards are developed and applied to transportation of materials within the plant.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is Pete Gouvin of Department 447. Standing on the right is a Whitin employee as he looked in the Netherlands forty years ago

GOLF LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 15

	Points Won	*Points Lost*
Jim Kane's Travelers.....	15½	5½
Jim Bernard's Masters....	14	7
F. O. Rizer's Processors....	10	11
Ray Young's Expediters...	9½	11½
Rusty Malkasian's Shortages.....	8	13
George Comeau's Cribbers.	6	15

While the first half is yet to be decided upon, it is expected that the second half will really show some fine golf, with all six teams able to give each other trouble any Tuesday night. The pleasant Thompson course has been the scene of some real good golf during this first half (and by the same token some other brands of the game as well) but one thing is certain, there is not to be found any league that has as much real good fun as we have.

"You have such a nice handwriting, Mr. Balk. Why don't you just write your letters in longhand?"

REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

by Carol Corron

I am pinch-hitting for Joyce Rondeau who is out on two months' leave of absence. We hope she will be back with us soon. . . . Carol McCrea spent a few days in Memorial Hospital. . . . Welcome Joyce Vierstra to our Department. . . . Well you can tell the warm weather is here again because the water skiing has started. The newly formed club has purchased three new pairs of skis as they are expecting a busy season. . . . The Order Processing Section of our Department enjoyed a barbecue at Edna L'Esperance's camp. Food, swimming and boating were enjoyed by all.

During the vacation period the Cape was visited by Robert McKaig, Chet Walker, Jimmy Marshall and Joanne Miedema. Ruth Crothers and Carol McCrea traveled to New Orleans for their two weeks. Richard Rawlinson spent his two weeks at Great East Lake, Maine. Mame Britton traveled to Nova Scotia and Rita Baillargeon visited Pennsylvania. Ann Wiersma to Niagara Falls and Marion Merchant traveled to Lake George, N. Y. Alice DerTorosian, Elmer Benton and Charles Noble went to New Hampshire for their vacation. The rest of us spent our time lounging around. If anyone is looking for Betty Mombourquette, she spent her two weeks in her new hammock out in her back yard.

Birthday wishes this month to Ruth Crothers, Richard Rawlinson, Orrin Austin, Charlie Anderson, Fred Hanny, and Jimmy Marshall. . . . Anniversary greetings are in order for Marion Merchant. . . . Last month Joy Varteresian was honored by her associates at a dinner held at Treasure Island, Webster. The dinner was in honor of her approaching marriage to Jack Kelliher on June 9.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Machine Accounting: Howard Cook, supervisor, and Wayne Stinson, staff assistant, attended a two-week course in Boston which featured the new electronic calculator, "Data-matic." Howard also attended, as an alternate delegate, the Fifth National Convention of the National Machine Accountants Association, which was held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas on June 27, 28, and 29. . . . Carol Salatiello was honored by her associates at a dinner held at the Old Mill in Westminster. Carol left W.M.W. and has taken up domestic duties. . . . The girls in the Works Accounting Division feted Phyllis McQuilkin at the Colonial Club in Webster, June 7. Phyllis was married July 4th. . . . We welcome Muriel Romasco, who is working part time as a keypunch operator. We also welcome Janet Cook, a recent NHS graduate, to this division.

Timekeeping: The F. Merwin Browns celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. . . . We welcome Roger Conary, a recent Uxbridge High School graduate to Department 426, second shift. Roger plans to further his studies in the Fall at Providence–Barrington Bible School. . . . We also welcome Ray Gagne of Blackstone to Department 454. . . . Betty Ranslow Department 451, has left W.M.W. for domestic duties. . . . Lois Blakely, Department 438, was presented her five-year service pin.

Payroll: We are sorry to report that Dot Farrar is hospitalized. . . . Birthday greetings for June to Fay Goggins and Do Fazzio. . . . The Whitin Male Glee Club dined at the Colonial Club, Webster on June 18.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Congratulations to Frank Budnick wh received his 15-year service pin from Mr Albert Brouwer. . . . Happy weddin anniversaries to Mr. and Mrs. Loui Kenny and to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swen son. . . . We all wished Helen Misakia good luck when she left to take up househol duties. Also want to wish Shirley Labrecqu lots of luck as she takes over Helen's duties We'll miss Helen, she was a congeni person. . . . I hope all you people tha vacationed at the beach had a wonderfu time. Come around to our office and se Julia Skeary who has too many reasons t mention why nobody can really enjoy vacation at the beach. . . . Hope Brown two daughters danced in a recital recentl

n Uxbridge and made their mother and themselves very proud. In fact, the girls are so enthused over it they want to continue their lessons right through the summer months. The heat isn't going to bother them. . . . Let's sing happy birthday this month to Gunner Carlson, James Colton, Oliver Copeland, Dave Magill, Sam Mateer, Ben Musket, Avis Hawkins and Virginia Merrill. Looks like the men have the most birthdays in the office this month.

MAIN OFFICE

by Marlene Willard and Gloria Fitzgerald

We find among our co-workers four travelers during the month of June. Betty Graham visited her sister in Connecticut, where she witnessed some of the festivities of Canton's Centennial celebration; Dot Shaughnessy and her husband spent a week-end in Quebec City, Canada; Everett Johnston went to Baltimore, Maryland to attend his nephew's graduation from Johns-Hopkins University; and Bryant Nichols and Mrs. Nichols attended a reunion at M.I.T.

Showers fell heavily for Agnes Kalousdian last month. Agnes was feted at Olga Rutana's, where friends attended. Olga is a former main office employee; and later in the month, Agnes was honored by her main office friends at the 1812 House, where she was presented with a check and best wishes.

We sincerely hope at this writing that Louis Chabot is really recuperating from his recent illness. . . . Our readers, as well as Sally's friends may be interested in knowing that Sally (Mantashigian) Nahabedian is now working at Fram Corporation in Providence, Rhode Island. . . . We bid farewell to Agnes Spratt who is now working on the Sales Floor, and extend a friendly hello to Shirley (Lightbown) Hanna who has returned to our fold, and has replaced Agnes in the Foreign Department. . . . As summer neared, we said so long once more to Arlene Buker who has now taken up residence at her summer camp in Maine. . . . Celebrating birthdays for the month of July are: Margaret Guertin, Frank Polucha, Gwennie Searles, Bryant Nichols, Donald Mateer, John Hiscock, Louis Chabot, Vernon Willard, Kermit Bickford, George Couillard, Lila Decoteau, and anniversaries: Jesse Loredo, Vernon Willard, Leonard White and James Marshall. Best wishes to all of you. . . . Our last bit of news for this month: The birthday club spent an enjoyable evening last month at Eleanor Baker's home. There was plenty to eat and the girls worked off their probable extra pounds by playing games.

Your reporters would like to take this opportunity to say we hope that everyone had a happy, healthy, and safe vacation.

To Dino Vetri, Apprentice Patternmaker and Mrs. Vetri, a girl, Brenda May, at Woonsocket Hospital on May 16, 6 lbs. 4 oz.

To James Fox of Department 446 and Mrs. Fox, a daughter.

To Nancy Trainor, Machine Accounting, a daughter, Kathryn Rae, May 30.

To Fred Baker, Electrical Department, and Mrs. Baker, a daughter, Susan Marie, born June 8 at the Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester.

To John Hiscock of the Main Office and Mrs. Hiscock, a daughter, Vivian Michele, 6 lbs. 4 oz.

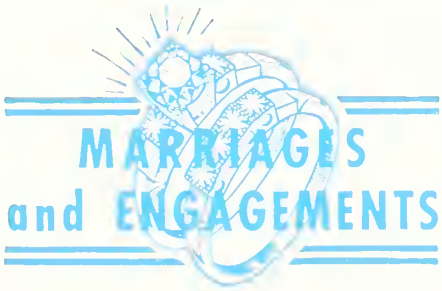
To May (Thompson) Pare, formerly of the Main Office, a daughter.

To Julie McDonough, formerly of the Main Office, a daughter.

To Lester M. Murray, Jr. and Mrs. Murray, a son, weight 6 lbs. 7 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital, June 1.

To Stanley Rodominick and Mrs. Rodominick, a son, John Stanley, weight 8 lbs. 3 oz., in April.

To Henry Duquette and Mrs. Duquette, a daughter, 8 lbs. 13 oz., at the Whitinsville Hospital.



Phyllis McQuilkin, Whitin Business Equipment Office, to Stanley Pickering, at St. James Church, Fisherville, on July 4.

Margaret Vincent of Uxbridge and Albert Destrempes of Woonsocket, both of Cost Department, on June 15.

Agnes Kalousdian became the bride of George Krikorian in the Armenian Apostolic Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 17, at 1:00 p.m. A reception followed at Bronzo's in Worcester.

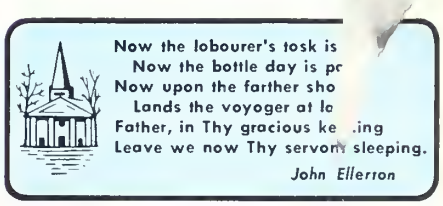
Miss Joy Varteresian married to John Kelliher on June 9, in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville.

Walter Anderberg, Jr., of Foundry Timekeeping, married to Gladys Gaskill of Hopedale at St. Mary's Church, Milford, on June 30, 1956.

Eugene Forand married to Rose Bousquet on June 30 at St. Paul's Church in Blackstone.

George Daneause and the former Theresa Boucher of Woonsocket were married on Memorial Day in Precious Blood Church, Woonsocket, R. I., and spent their honeymoon in New York and Atlantic City. They will make their home at 254 Vo[illegible] Street, Woonsocket, R. I.

Richard Bosma, Jr., was marrie[illegible] Alice Foley of Uxbridge, June 16 i[illegible] parsonage of the United Presbyt[illegible] Church. They toured New Engla[illegible] their honeymoon.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of Margaret Keeler who died in June.

Leonard White, Main Office, on the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Joseph A. White who died at his home on May 20.

Family and friends of Setrak Kazarian who died on June 3.

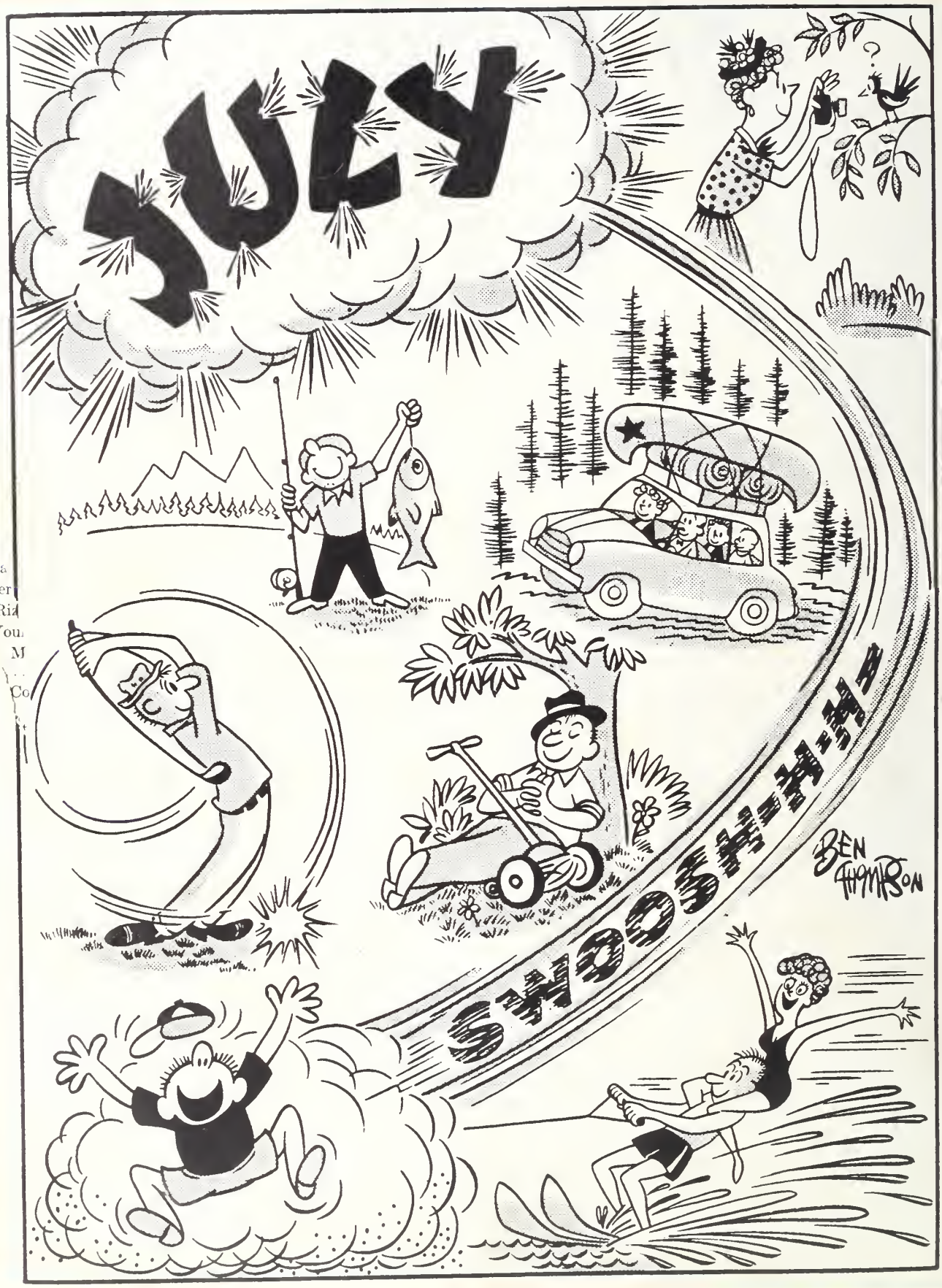
Family and friends of Llewellyn A. Chapman who died on June 2.

Family and friends of Stanislaw J. Matuszek who died on June 12.

Paul and Flora Grenon on the death of their aunt in Canada.

Edward Jacques on the death of his mother on June 3.

Clarence Farrow on the death of his father, May 25.



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THE WHITIN Spindle

August 1956

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Adelard Lemay of the Paint Jab has been with Whitin far 29 years. His habbies are fishing and gardening. He and Mrs. Lemay live in Manchaug and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren

Damien Richards, Department 453, wa barn in Sarel, Pravince af Quebec. He lives an Pine Caurt, Linwaad, and has warked here far 28 years. He likes to take automobile journeys

Serap Kizirian, Department 660, was born in Harpoot, Armenia, and came to the United States at the age of 17. A Whitin employee since 1926, he has three children and lives at 34 Willaw Street

Peter Raberts, an emplayee an the Rin Jab, has been here 23 years. He and Mr Raberts live at 15 Casey Raad. Pete operates a part-time trucking business an cheers the Indians

William Pauliat, a Department 454 welder, has 8 children and 8 grandchildren. He lives at 33 Virginia Avenue, Waansocket. His habby is fly fishing far rainbaw trout and black bass

Walter Fierley, employed an the Balster Jab, has been with Whitin since 1937. He and Mrs. Fierley have a 13-year ald san and live an Ironstane Street, Millville. He hunts birds

William Madderman af the Rall Jab, Whitin emplayee since 1929, was barn Sneek, The Netherlands. An elder in th Christian Refarm Church, he has 2 daughte and ane grandsan

COTTON

King of the Fibers

Above: More and more cotton farmers are using mechanical cotton pickers. This method greatly reduces the cost of harvesting and cotton can be harvested in this manner without serious injury to plants or unopened balls

Above left: As recently as 1930, there were about 500 so-called varieties of cotton grown in this country. Most of them were inferior and now have been weeded out and discarded. In 1952, only 28 varieties were planted, and 89 per cent of the crop was planted in only 10 varieties. All of these provide a high yield for the farmer, plus desirable combinations of fiber properties for the spinner

Left: Equipment for applying insecticides and defoliants to cotton has been greatly improved. Planes can apply these materials to as many as 1500 acres in a day. Eight rows at a time can be treated

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In cotton yielding 300 pounds of lint per acre, the average hand picker gathers about 20 pounds of seed cotton per hour. The one-row mechanical cotton picker can gather almost 650 pounds per hour, accomplishing the work of from 30 to 40 hand pickers

Only three years after Samuel Slater founded the firs U. S. Cotton Mill (1790), Eli Whitney revolutionize the infant American cotton industry with the inventio of his cotton gin. As cotton passed through the gin revolving saws engaged the lint and pulled it from th seed. This eliminated a tedious hand operatior The miraculous new machine made it possible for th cotton industry to forge ahead as a leading force i the nation's agriculture and commerce

COTTON—King of the Fibers (continued)

The colorful history of cotton spans the centuries since at least 3000 B.C. and covers many civilizations and continents. But the place where cotton first sprang to life must remain a mystery, for this fiber is older than recorded history can trace.

The earliest recorded mention of cotton was uncovered in India in the ancient city of Mohenjo-dare, revealing that the fiber was used there some 3000 years before the birth of Christ.

When Columbus reached the New World in 1492, he found cotton growing in the Bahama Islands and the natives dressed in cotton garments. Among the treasured gifts which Columbus carried home to Queen Isabella was a skein of cotton thread.

Early settlers in America first began to cultivate cotton in 1619 with slave labor in Virginia. From the tidewater area, the crop spread to other colonies. All cotton produced by the colonists was shipped back to England until the Revolutionary War forced the young country to set up cotton mills of its own.

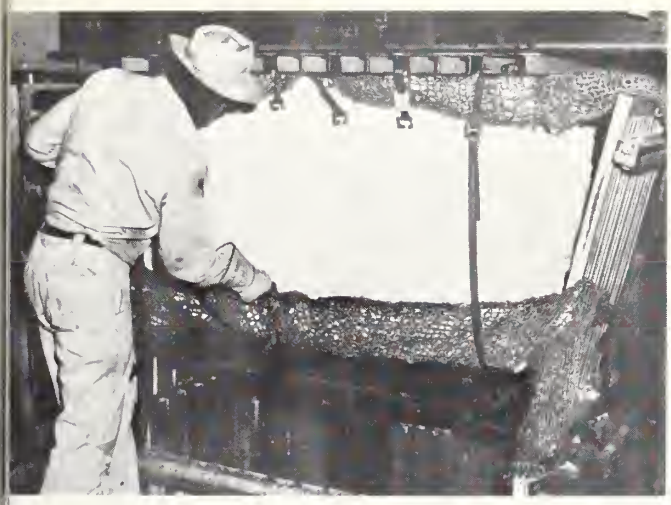
In 1790, Samuel Slater founded the first U. S. cotton mill and three years later one of the great inventions of history revolutionized the infant American cotton industry. On a visit to the South, a young Yale graduate named Eli Whitney watched Negro slaves tediously pulling cotton lint from the seed by hand.

The ingenious young man determined to find some means of making the job easier and quicker. Ten days later Whitney had constructed the first model of a machine called a "gin"—short for engine. This miraculous new machine made it possible for the cotton industry to forge ahead as a leading force in the nation's agricul ture and commerce.

While cotton has a history which can be traced bacl thousands of years, today this fiber is not relying on it pedigree. The National Cotton Council, whose member include cotton farmers, ginners, cottonseed crushers merchants, warehousemen, and spinners, is attemptin to improve cotton's competitive position by a variety o methods. These techniques include breeding varietie of cotton which produce a better fiber, improved way of insect and weed control, mechanized cultivation an harvest, additional use of cotton by-products, and th use of chemicals to improve the characteristics of th fiber.

For those who view the future of cotton pessimistically one fact stands out clearly—in no single year since th Council was founded in 1938 has total consumptio dropped below the highest point it had reached pre viously.

Domestic consumption in 1953 totaled over 9 millio 500-pound bales despite losses in industrial market such as tire cord. Industrial losses were more tha offset by a tremendous surge in wearing apparel an



ith each 500-pound bale of cotton fiber, 900 pounds of cottonseed are oduced, yielding 140 pounds of high-grade vegetable oil far food, 400 unds of protein meal and cake for livestock, 240 pounds of hulls for livestock ghage and chemical uses, and 81 pounds of linters for smokeless powder, plastics and numerous other essential products

Dyeing yarn before weaving

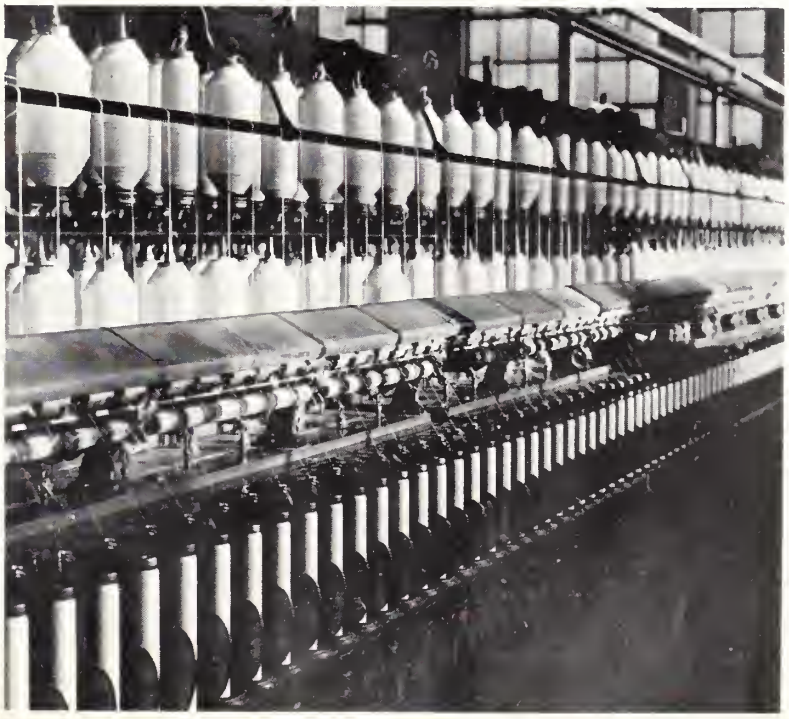
usehold furnishings—two fields where competition is enest and where Council promotional and research forts are concentrated.

In two markets alone, rugs and dresses, a gain of about 6,000 bales has been achieved since 1942. These amples fit into a pattern—a picture in which an indusy is utilizing the tools of research and promotion to ild and maintain its markets.

Through its mechanization conference, the Council ch year brings together officials of equipment comnies, research workers and others concerned in increasg cotton production efficiency. At these meetings it has been revealed that with suitable machines and techniques labor costs in cotton production can be reduced at least two-thirds.

Under "man-mule" methods approximately 140 hours were required to produce a bale of cotton in the Mississippi Delta. With two-row tractor equipment and mechanical pickers, experiment stations have reduced the number of hours to 31.5, and are looking to the day when they can be slashed to ten. Chemical control of weeds and other techniques offer this possibility.

Many producers today begin work on next year's crop as soon as their cotton is harvested in the fall. They cut



After cotton is carded or combed it goes through a series of processes and then is spun into yarn on our Spinning frame

or shred the stalks, turn them under, and plant a winter cover crop. In the spring the cover crop is turned under to add valuable plant nutrients and organic matter to the soil. After this has had an opportunity to decay, the farmer completes preparation for planting by disking or plowing and then bedding. As soon as the ground is warm enough, a mechanical planter places fertilizer and seeds in the rows.

About ten days later the seedlings emerge and about nine weeks later the cotton blossoms appear. Creamy white at first, during a three-day period the flowers change to a dark yellow, then pink, and finally to a dark red. As the petals fall they leave behind the young cotton boll.

Inside the boll the fibers grow until the boll resembles a giant raindrop, about an inch in diameter and an inch-and-a-half long. Sometime between 45 and 65 days

Fabric to clothe the world. Until about 1814, weaving was done at home. Today great factories house thousands of busy looms, weaving cloth at a tremendous speed. The first New England mills produced eight to ten thousand yards of cotton fabric each year. Many mills now fabricate several times that much each day. Approximately ten billion yards of cotton cloth are produced annually in this country—enough to reach back and forth between the earth and the moon almost 24 times

after the boll forms, it opens and the fluffy cotton bursts forth.

Meanwhile the farmer has been busy. Men called hoe-hands thin the rows to allow the remaining plants room to grow. More fertilizer is applied as a side dressing. Planes or ground equipment spray or dust the cotton as many as a dozen times to control insects like boll weevils, thrips, leafworms or aphids.

Some cotton is still picked by hand. Increasingly this work is done by mechanical pickers and strippers because a mechanical picker operating at capacity can pick a much cotton in five seconds as a man can in five minutes

Then the cotton is loaded into a wagon and hauled t the gin. Here, whirling saws pull the lint from the see and remove foreign materials as the cotton passe through. The lint is packed tightly into 500-poun bales for shipment to textile mills where much of it i processed on Whitin machines.

In the international markets the United States is a exporter of cotton. All the other countries in the worl produce, on the average, about four or five million bale of cotton less each year than they consume. Th balance comes from the United States, and as standard of living rise, additional amounts of cotton will b demanded.

But cotton growers and others connected with th industry are not content with this growth. They ar increasing the demand for cotton by improving th varieties of cotton planted. From the Winter Cotto Breeding Service, established in 1950 near the sun-bake tropical village of Iguala, Mexico, come improved strain such as Pima S-1, with outstanding fiber length, strengt and fineness. Cotton, already as strong as structura steel, may be made fifty per cent stronger!

A modified cotton that looks, feels, and spins lik ordinary cotton, but that is permanently resistant t attack by mildew and bacteria and more receptive t all kinds of dyes, is now available through a proces called cyanoethylation. In this process, now commer cially practical, cotton fibers are treated with acryloni trile. This chemical finishing of cotton makes it possibl for cotton to compete with other fibers.

Today cotton is used for grainsacks and $400.0 dresses. Cotton clothed the men who climbed Mt Everest. It is used in great conveyor belts and in luxur liners. In fact, last year it took 65,000 bales to mak foundation garments for the women of America.

Inspecting cotton cloth. A single bale of cotton provides enough cotton for 250 sheets or for 650 shirts

Shown seated are the eight new journeymen. From the left: George H. Aspinwall, Gerard G. Bouvier, Albert A. Gregoire, John W. Kortecamp, Richard Lachapelle, Lester M. Murray, Jr., Edgar L. Scott, and John Steele. Standing from the left: D. L. Frodine, R. Manning, Hubert Connor, Frank N. Stone, Erik O. Pierson, Ernest A. Johnson, John C. Baker, J. Hugh Bolton, Martin Salmon, Ernest Sias, and John H. Cunninghom

WHITIN APPRENTICES

Presented Diplomas at Graduation Exercises

Marking a continuation of Whitin's more than a century-old policy of training skilled craftsmen, the Whitin Machine Works Apprentice School held graduation exercises for eight of its apprentices on June 18. Among the group of sixty persons who attended the ceremony were the members of the Apprentice School, guests of the graduates, members of management, and representatives of the state and national apprentice training divisions.

The principal speakers were President J. Hugh Bolton who compared Whitin's apprentice program of today with that of many years ago, and Mr. Ernest A. Johnson, State Commissioner of Labor and Industries, who pointed out the continuing need for skilled craftsmen in the coming days of automation.

Ernest A. Johnson, State Commissioner of Labor and Industries, presents State Journeyman's Certificate to Apprentice Graduate John Steele, while President J. Hugh Bolton looks on

Receiving their Whitin Machine Works diplomas and Commonwealth of Massachusetts journeyman's certificates were: George H. Aspinwall, molder; Gerard G. Bouvier, die sinker; Albert A. Gregoire, machinist; John W. Kortecamp, iron worker; Richard Lachapelle, molder; Lester M. Murray, Jr., toolmaker; Edgar L. Scott, metal pattern maker; and John Steele, iron worker. Mr. Bolton presented the Whitin diplomas and Mr. Johnson presented the state certificates.

The Apprenticeship Committee—Mr. Frank N. Stone, Mr. Erik O. Pierson, Mr. John H. Cunningham, Mr. John C. Baker—had invited as their special guests: Mr. Hubert L. Connor, Director, Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Training, Department of Labor and Industries; Mr. D. L. Frodine, Regional Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor; Mr. Martin F. Salmon, Apprenticeship Representative, Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor; Mr. Ernest R. Sias, State Supervisor, Board of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor.

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"CORPORATE CITIZEN"— A GOOD NEIGHBOR

People look to the modern American corporation, quite rightly, to produce goods and to create jobs. But it may be overlooked that along with these economic responsibilities, the corporation is a good citizen in its community. The corporation is organized for efficient production. At the same time, it is made up of people—of individuals with hearts and consciences and the desire to be good neighbors.

In order to do its job of responsible citizenship, the corporation must earn a profit. Only a successful, going company can provide steady work and pay to the people; meet its tax obligations to local, state and federal governments; stimulate local business through payrolls and purchases from local firms, and do its full part in educational, civic, and charitable activities of the community, as a good neighbor.

FRONT COVER: A summer day, a boy, and a watermelon. John Courtemanche, our typical American boy with the roguish look, is the son of Michael Courtemanche, supervisor in Department 418.

Whitin Personality

JAMES COLTHART, quiet and unassuming cashier of the Whitin Machi Works, was born March 11, 1907, in Glasgow, Scotland. At the age two years he sailed with his mother, two brothers, and a sister to rejo his father in Whitinsville. Thus Jim's earliest memories are of this tow where he grew up and where he attended the local schools.

He completed his education by studying bookkeeping and accounti at the Woonsocket Commercial School, later Hill College. In 1932 l received a voice scholarship from the Longy School of Music, Cambridg

For five and a half years he was paymaster for the Nyanza Mills Woonsocket. Jim became a member of the Production Department the Whitin Machine Works in July, 1933, and transferred to the Payr Department three years later.

For some years his outstanding tenor voice made him well known a singer throughout Worcester County. He sang over the radio and churches, did most of the solo work with the Imperial Male Glee Clu and was soloist at both the Lincoln Square Baptist Church and the Woo socket Universalist Church.

Jim and Mrs. Colthart, the former Miss Olive Emery of Whitinsvil were married in the Leyden Congregational Church, Brookline, on Octob 5, 1935. They now live at 24 Spring Street, Whitinsville, and have tv children. Eighteen-year old James D., an honor student in this yea high school senior class, plans to enter Yale in the fall while his 10-ye old sister, Brenda Jean, is in the fourth grade.

Jim's only civic activity is serving as treasurer of the Whitinsvi Hospital. Concerning his recreations he states "I particularly enj bowling, but my averages are nothing to brag about." He is also a baseb fan. "I'd like to see the Red Sox come through, but I'm afraid it w always be 'wait until next year'."

. . . Vasil Shola, the prospective groom, vent to Springfield, Illinois. . . . Ed Trinque with his Boy Scout Troop a week nd in Maine did enjoy. . . . Joe Hetherngton, to Vermont went he in his brand iew Chevrolet. . . . While the Cape aw Everett Gaspar as on the beach he lay.

To soak up sunshine, we all try, without getting too much burn. But the aftermath s much too hot when we live but never earn. . . . At Camp "Lazy Days" in he Douglas Woods Gloria Cousineau spent ach day. . . . Anita Baumier, to Canada vent with her brother and sister to stay. . . . New Jersey had that Ebbeling boy vith his family on its ground. But the ersey Shore is the only place cool breezes an be found. . . . Pictures! They are ew and scarce as I always note or, "You an't put that in the SPINDLE" is the ustomary quote. . . . Prior to vacation ays Bill Malley got in the news. It seems n two successive days his horses got on he loose. They simply would not fraterize, Bill told me, one hot day. So home e went for the big roundup in a pasture ull of hay. . . . Fred Brown spent his acation in the town of Owl's Head, Maine. Another of those "Down Easters" who ved where the lobsters reign. . . . For hose who are not mentioned here, we'll ave a space next time for their travels and naybe pictures, but it will not be in rhyme.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left, standing, is Bill Modderman of the Roll Job. On the right, shown as he looked in 1919, is a former second base man for the old Riverside Ball Club of New Village

HILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Those of us who like to sit down to a slice f apple pie or an order of apple pie a la node seldom stop to think that were it ot for men with hobbies like our fellow orkman, Chester Roaf, those apples that e take for granted would be both expensive nd scarce. Chester decided on keeping bees s a hobby about four years ago and has eveloped his apiary steadily. He now has en hives to care for. These hives furnish im with as much as 500 pounds of honey ach year and, what is more important as egards the apples, the bees are carried ut into the surrounding orchards in the pring. The bees, in the process of gathering ollen from the apple blossoms, pollinate he trees and make that apple pie possible.

Each colony of bees contains as much as ight pounds of bees and each pound will umber about 15,000 but, due to the fact hat the average life span of a worker bee s about 104 days, the queen bee is constanty laying eggs and will lay twice her weight n eggs daily during the summer months. During this time she is fed with honey which s brought to her by the workers. Queen ees are purchased from North Carolina t a cost of $1.15 each. The newly-hatched ees live on pollen until they are grown and oin the ranks of the workers.

A hive of bees will yield as much as a undred pounds of honey each year. Half f the honey is left in the hive to feed the workers during the winter. A spell of below-zero weather will bother the colony very little, as they will form a ball. The bees on the inside of the ball keep alternating with the outside ones and in this way maintain a temperature of fifty to sixty degrees inside the hive.

Mr. and Mrs. Roaf live on a 60-acre farm situated on Second Street in Manchaug, and have two cows to care for in addition to all of the bees. They are the parents of a daughter, Virginia, living at home, and a son, Chester E. Roaf, employed in the Shop Garage. They have three grandchildren, Chester S., age 6, Delia, age 3, and Warren, age nine months.

Miss Elsie Vanderbrug, sister of Gus Vanderbrug, emplaned from Idlewild Airport in New York on June 20th bound for Nigeria in Africa where she will spend the next three years teaching at a Mission School. Miss Vanderbrug is a graduate of Northbridge High School and Calvin College, Michigan. . . . A belated welcome to Ruth Haight, our new timekeeper of the Roll Stand section. She replaced Doris Arcand who is now a timekeeper in Department 451 at the Linwood Mill. . . . Flora Grenon, and Mary Whalen transferred to Department 438 on June 25. The best of luck to them at their new work.

Francis Blette, our personality for this month, came to work for Whitin Machine Works on April 14, 1934, and has worked in our department since that time. He has been a Grievance Man for the past six years and is also the Inside Guard at all of the local union meetings. At any social undertaking where our friend Blette is present, he is sure to be the life of the party. At a football or baseball game he is quite impartial—he is known to have cheered for both teams at Holy Cross and Boston College football games. Francis is married and lives on Cross Street in Northbridge with his wife and their four children, Pauline, age 16, Donald, age 14, Richard, age 12, and Linda, age 3 years. His hobby is attending all kinds of sports events. He hopes that this is the year for the Red Sox to go on to win.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

From all reports, everyone had an enjoyable vacation. A few worked during vacation and will take time off later. Among those who visited the Cape were Beatrice Carpenter, Bill VanNess, Marguerite Thayer, Edward Duggan. . . . Nancy Britten, Lorraine Dufault, Mary Hayward, Arthur Langelier motored through upper New York State. . . . Alton White enjoyed a few days in New York City. . . . Ruth O'Day took it easy at a ranch in New York State. . . . Chester Farrar visited the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. . . . Joseph Landry worked on his new home during vacation. . . . Richard Benner managed to play a little golf and spent a few days visiting his sister in New Jersey. . . . Roland Dunn painted his home. . . . Rene Picard and Al Thibeault visited North Pole, New York. . . . Normand Flamand tanned at Wildwood, New Jersey, his fifth season there—what is the attraction???? John J. Wasiuk and Al Gregoire visited New Hampshire. . . . Sari Devlin motored to Lake Placid, New York. . . . Lorenzo Noel, Wilfred Vallee, "Mike" Stanick and Severin Roy visited Canada. . . . John Chiconski visited friends in Chicago. . . . Mildred Cook went to Nova Scotia. . . . Virginia Lindblom went to Bar Harbor. . . . Russell Braman sunned himself at Hampton Beach and Montreal, Canada. . . . Harold Baszner spent his vacation as usual at Harwichport. . . . Henry Belanger relaxed at his cottage in Scarborough Beach. . . . James C. Rice took it easy in Maine. . . . Mary Carroll visited New Jersey. . . . Fred Demars went to Rockport to do some painting. . . . Raymond Parenteau motored to Montreal for a few days. . . . Arthur Malo visited New Rochelle, New York. . . . Louis Laferriere, Damien Richard, Therese Benjamin, Jeannette Berthelette, Deanna Santoro, Louise Kie-

After 20 years with the Whitin Machine Works, William Rivet of the Spindle Job retired on June 29. He was presented a purse of money, a gift from his associates, by Foreman George Faurnier

ronski, Katherine Kearnan, Ralph Ward, Del Duhamel, Michael Smith, Rene Morrissette, Rita and Armand Turcotte, Emile Merchant, Alfred Roy, Joseph Connors, John McQuade, William Morrissette, Sr., Edmund Sheehan, Gerard Gosselin, Armand Horent, Harold Libby and Eugene Lamontagne went on day trips. . . . "Rab" Bisson received word that he was going to spend his vacation on maneuvers at the Worcester Airport. He is a tech sergeant in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. . . . Yours truly toured points of interest in New England. . . . A little party was held in honor of Mary DeHaas and Jeannette Berthelette who will be leaving us shortly to take up their domestic duties. Good luck to them.

Personality of the Month: George S. Williamson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 30, 1889. He received his schooling in Glasgow and became a private chauffeur until he entered the Service. He served four years in the special reserve before the war broke out. While he was in the special reserve he won several prizes for his horse racing, broad jumping and hurdle jumping. George became a corporal in 1916 and was discharged from the Service in 1919. He went back chauffeuring for Micken & Son Shipyard in Glasgow. He was married April 16, 1916, to Agnes Hackett in the Sacred Heart Church in Glasgow, Scotland. They came to America on the maiden voyage of the "SS Cameronia," landed in New York, and came to Whitinsville to take up residence. He started to work at the Whitin Machine Works garage in 1921. In 1926 they went back for a three months' vacation on the "SS Leviathan." While traveling, he met Will Rogers and Father Edward Connors, a Whitinsville lad, who was working his way through college by working as a steward. He did some private driving for Mr. E. K. Swift, Sr., and for the Whitin Machine Works. He is still driving for the shop. He lives at 24 Main Street in Whitinsville, and spends a lot of his leisure time at his cottage on Meadow Pond taking care of the place and enjoys fishing. Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary among friends who had a little party for them.

George S. Williamson, Traffic Department personality, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. The lady is Mrs. Williamson

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Here we are back again after a wonderful two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greene motored to California to visit their children. Mr. and Mrs. Norm Stanley spent their two weeks in Maine and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Valente vacationed at Cape Cod. Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chase went to Canada. Marian Larsen motored to Roanoke, Virginia, and Virginia Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zylstra visited their granddaughter Kathleen in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Koury spent a few days in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins spent a week in New Hampshire. Your reporter and family took day trips to nearby beaches the first week, and the second week we did quite a bit of sanding and painting on the interior of our new home. We'll be ready to move in a few weeks. The rest took day trips about New England.

Birthday greetings go to "Scooter" Ryan and John Hoyle. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Surowiec and to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stanley. . . . John Hoyle, Norm Stanley and John Solina attended the Red Sox and Cleveland game in Boston on June 17.

Personality of the Month: Marion Larsen, floor inspector at 424, was born in Whitinsville on May 7, 1930. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Larsen of Uxbridge. The family is well represented here at W.M.W. Her father, Phil, Sr., is a supervisor for the Inspection Department. Phil, Jr., is a supervisor in Department 451. Brother John, one of our roadmen for W.M.W., is currently working in Puerto Rico and brother Edward is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

Marion graduated from Northbridge High in 1948 and began working here as an inspector shortly after. She has worked in many departments and came to 424 in March of 1955. Her hobbies include photography, swimming and traveling around in her red Pontiac convertible. A likeable person with a pleasing disposition may well describe Marion.

Garabed Bedrosian is the Core Room personalit of the month

ORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY RODUCTION CONTROL

y Grace Heath and arl Briggs

Happy birthday greetings to Vaughn arding, John Kurowski, Lawrence Maney, Jacques Drainville and Edmond emoine. . . . We welcome George B. enderson who joined us in June. . . . arry Maloney is taking driving lessons d will soon be driving his new car. . . . e hear Arthur Arpin is driving a new lymouth. . . . Congratulations to Edard Nejadlik, who is very pleased with s new son. He now has two sons and vo daughters. . . . Roger Scott spent s vacation at Watch Hill, R. I.; Ralph IcCray visited Washington, D. C.; Edgar arent motored to Ontario, Canada and mede Leduc motored to various points of terest on Cape Cod.

Core Room *Personality-of-the-Month:* arabed Bedrosian was born July 10, 1888 the town of Pazmashen, Armenia. He arted working in his early teens on a rm, but later worked at hand weaving ntil coming to America in 1910. He started rking at Whitin Machine Works in 1912. e worked for 28 years in the Foundry, then as transferred to the Core Room in 1940. He married Mary Hagopian in 1922. hey have two daughters, Pauline, wife of ocky Herosian, and Grace, wife of Cabell atfield. He has three grandchildren. e resides on Church Street, Whitinsville. r. Bedrosian has been a member of the zmashen Educational Association for years, and has served as treasurer of the ecutive committee for several years. He also a member of the Armenian Demoatic Liberal Clubs of America. His vorite pastimes include gardening, pichle, and watching T.V.

For the Foundry Production Control Office rsonality this month we go across the aisle d a "tip-of-the-hat" goes to Romeo ellier, Core Room Timekeeper who has sided in Woonsocket most of his life. fter completing his education in Woonocket Schools, Romeo served with the U. S. Army Engineers from 1942 to 1945. He saw service in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Germany and France.

Blowing his own horn is Romeo Tellier, Foundry Production Control Office personality of the month

If you haven't heard of Romeo, you must have heard his trumpet. Romeo has been playing since 1940 and at present plays with Bob Wilbur and the Amvet's Band. The Mardi Gras Parade in Woonsocket is a yearly event that he looks forward to. Besides playing the trumpet, Romeo enjoys bowling. A fall wedding is his greatest interest at present, when he will take Shirley Benjamin of Foundry Production as his bride. Romeo started with Whitin Machine in 1947 and did timekeeping in the Blacksmith Shop and the Paint Job before coming to the Core Room.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for August were extended to Bill Todd, our foreman, on August 2. . . . Anniversary greetings: Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, their 24th; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roy, their 12th; and Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Levitre. . . . Flash!! Stanley Rodominick caught a foul ball hit by Walt Dropo during Friday's game between the Red Sox and the Chicago White Sox, July 13. I know he's not kidding because I saw him catch it, as I was sitting right behind him in the ball park.

Everybody looked chipper after their two weeks' vacation, sporting their suntans and all. I'm sure everybody enjoyed themselves. I know I did. Just think, only 50 more weeks until another vacation!!! . . . Well folks, not much news for this month but maybe by next month when Arthur Gauvin gets back from the Wild West he might have some good tales to tell us.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Vacation destinations: John DeBoer, Florida; Edmund and Mrs. Brouillette, Milford, Connecticut; Jim and Mrs. Gibbons, Point Judith; Lucien Paulhus, short daily trips; Claude Bolduc and family, Atlantic City, New Jersey; Fred Stavinski and Tommy Cawley, fishing trip to Maine; Jack and Mrs. Healey, Horseneck Beach; Charley and Mrs. Wilson, Tucker Lake and short trips; Jack Morrison, Franklin, Mass.; Russ Rosborough and family, short daily trips; Paul Madigar, Manchaug Hotel; Elce and Mrs. Rainville, North River Lake, Northwood, New Hampshire; Henry Martin, fishing trip to Canada; Allan McCrea, Maine; John Halacy and family, short daily trips; Jim Fisher and family, Maine; Neil Horan, Nantasket Beach; Eddie and Mrs. Horan, Pennsylvania; Patt Britt, the Cape; Dorsey Devlin and family, Marblehead, and Hampton Beach.

Enjoying their two weeks at home were Alfie Berube, Gene Picard, Walter Misiuk, Marc Bolduc, Frank Zajonc, Sal Saccoccio, Bob Bilodeau, Gerry Forget, Eddie Nelson, Oscar Kronberg, John Romonoski, Paul Rutana, Bobby Campo and Stanley Ziemba, Sr.

Paint Job: Phil Dion and family, Point Judith; Joe Brooks and family, Old Town, Maine; Ross Rajotte, Canada where he visited the St. Anne Shrine in Quebec;

'hen Hampor Panosian retired on June 29 he received o purse of money from his ossociotes in the Anneoling Room. Hampar wos employed at Whitin for 23 years

"Shorty" Breault, Department 411 second shift personality, formerly owned a candy and variety store in Rockdale

Henry Laviemodiere and family, Wilmington, Delaware; George Dumas and family, fishing trip to Maine and New Hampshire; Arthur Laferriere and family, Lake Winnepesaukee; Eddie Nuttall and family, Falmouth on the Cape and Fenway Park. Staying home to catch up on back work were Gilbert Quist, George Dykstra and Harold Ingham.

Creel Job: Herve Ayotte and family, Martha's Vineyard; W. Tyler, York Beach, Maine; Celia Normandin, New York City; J. Duhamel, Catalina Island, California; Carl Brodd, Vermont; Al Grillo, Berkshires; M. Pierel, Maine and Cape Cod; Jim Houghton and family, Cleveland, Ohio; V. Ovian, Cape; Frank Shea, Maine and Cape, fishing; Al Michalik and family, Maine, fishing; Ken Greenwood and family, New Hampshire.

(Editor's Note: While he is too modest to include it in his column, we have heard that during his vacation Dorsey assisted in saving the lives of six persons. These persons were trapped by a severe undertow at Hampton Beach.)

This month's personality is Alfred Berube, better known to his co-workers as "Alfie." Alfie, who can be heard crooning each day in soft and soothing voice, was born in Woonsocket, R. I., and educated in Mt. St. Charles Academy. In 1942 he was married to the former Rita Lambert and they are the parents of a 12-year-old daughter, Rita. Alfie and his family live in their own home (on which he did much of the construction work) in Woonsocket. He is a member of the Woonsocket Council 113 K. of C. and likes to go hunting when he is not working around the house. Always smiling, the biggest mystery in Alfie's life is why so many people have to worry when Ted Williams gets hurt.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leo Atteridge

Our personality for the first shift is David Gray. Dave was born in Yorkshire, England. At the age of five he went to British Columbia, Canada, where he attended schools. He became a working man at the tender age of thirteen—starting to work in the coal mines as a bell-boy and also running a hoist in the same mine. His father didn't approve of his working in the mines, so he left to go to work driving a delivery wagon for a butcher. Dave's father personally worked with John L. Lewis in the mines at one time. Dave also worked for his father in a laundry as a delivery boy. He came to the United States in 1916 and settled in Fall River. At that time he went to work in a cotton mill in Westport. From Westport, Dave went to New Bedford and learned to weave. Then he came to work in the Linwood Mill, where he worked for six months. In 1917, he came to work on Department 411 as an automatic screw machine operator. Dave is now a methods man in our department. He is married to the former Alice Gravelle. They are the parents of two daughters and two sons. They also have nine grandchildren. Dave and his wife make their home on Ward Street in North Uxbridge, a home they built themselves. At one time Dave and his brother Bill had a chicken farm. They owned 10,000 chickens with about 2000 laying hens. They had their own incubator where they hatched chicks. Dave is a member of the Grange and of the North Uxbridge Baptist Church. He is also a strong fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Our Personality on the second shift is Horace Breault, better known as "Shorty," who was born in Webster, Mass. At the age of three he moved to Linwood, Mass. He was educated in the Northbridge schools. He started work in the Linwood Mill at the age of fourteen, where he worked for nine years. Then he went to work in the Uxbridge Worsted as a weaver where he worked for five years. He owned and

Alfred Berube is the Sheet Metal personality

David Gray, Department 411 personality, and Mrs. Gray pose with an unidentified redskin Dave was born in Yorkshire, England

operated a variety store in Rockdale for six years. With candy as one of his products, he had quite a following of children. In 1938 he moved to Woonsocket, R. I., where he now resides. "Shorty" has worked for Whitin Machine Works for the past twenty-five years on a number of jobs—Spindle Job, Roll Job, Gear Job, Oil Room, Foundry, and Screw Job. He has been in our department for sixteen years. He is married to the former Inelda Rondeau, and right now he and his wife spend all their leisure hours at home watching television. "Shorty" is a sports fan and is especially fond of football and baseball. He is a member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Victory Church. At one time he was very active with the young people. Because of the numerous jobs he has worked on, he is well known throughout the plant.

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

The welcome mat is out this month to Patsy Lou Rizer and Thomas McCallum who will be with us for the summer. . . . We welcome back Mildred Amiro after her recent illness. . . . Congratulations to Henry Lawton on receiving a suggestion award. . . . Happy motoring to Al Destrempes and Howard Anderson with their new struggle buggies. . . . Now for vacation chatter: Tom Altoonian spent his vacation at Lake Uncas, Franklin, Mass. Roscoe Knight at Marblehead, Mass. and Portland, Maine; Shirley McNamara and family in New York State; Florence Perry and family at Rangeley Lakes in Maine; Pauline Hagan and husband at Old Orchard Beach, Maine; John Miracle and family motored through Maine; Anne Wotjalik visited her sister in Maryland; Al Destrempes and wife Peggy were at Thousand Isles in Canada; Leo Imondi and family

ew York State and Canada; Mona Paine nd family at Lewiston, Maine; Paul arossee and family at Montreal, Canada; ny Benner and wife at Nova Scotia; Henry Lawton and family, White Mountains; Eve Lundberg and son in New Hampshire; Mary Swetnam and family ent a month touring across the United tates with a destination of California; leve Reynolds at West Dennis on Cape od; Howard Anderson and family in e Blue Hills of Maine; Carl Dupree and mily visited with his mother in North arolina; Telex Richard at Wareham, Mass.; Don and Virginia Rae at Ogunquit, Maine; Marshall Clark and family at terling Camp Grounds in Sterling, Mass.; nd James Shaw and Jocelyn at Falmouth Heights, Cape Cod.

Birthdays: Val Allega, Nancy Blakely, omer Adams, Howard Anderson, Raymond Colby, Charles Garabedian, Dick anny and Telex Richard. . . . Anniversaries: Mary and Hubert Swetnam, heir 9th; Joe and Olga Platukis, their 8th; hirley and Tim McNamara, their 6th; hil and Hildegard Johnson, their 5th; nd Larry and Gloria Sarafian, their 5th.

Personality: John Miracle, congenial member of the twisting group, is well-ked by all for his quiet humor and even isposition. He was born in Grafton, but oved to Burriville when he was fifteen ears old. He was graduated from Burrille High School where he was on the onor roll. He then went on to study ccounting at Hill College where he received e first key ever awarded for the outstanding student of the graduating class of '39. e was active in social and class functions. ohn married Lila Davis in Woonsocket on ecember 9, 1950 and they live in Millville ith their two-year-old daughter, Barbara. e was employed by Stillwater Worsted ompany before coming to Whitinsville wo and one half years ago.

Although John enjoys watching and stening to baseball, his chief hobby is epairing radios and television sets. This obby enables him to keep up with world ews direct from far away countries on his hort wave set. He also helps his father-in-w operate a grocery business in his spare me. John enjoys Western music and his ondness for bananas has made him a victim f much friendly joshing from his friends.

epairing radios and television sets is the chief hobby of John Miracle, Cost Department personality

Roland Farrar, Cost Department personality, has studied theology. He was decorated during World War II for combat missions over Japan as an Air Force gunner

John spends most of his vacations in St. Petersburg, Florida where his relatives have a comfortable residence in the heart of the citrus fruit district. While there he enjoys sight-seeing and viewing the many beauties of this southern wonderland. His fondest ambition is to be able to retire and live in Florida.

Personality: Roland Farrar, congenial member of our product estimating group, was born in Worcester in the year 1922. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1940 and Providence Bible Institute in 1951. For two years he served as student pastor of Union Chapel in Milford, Mass. In May 1942 he married the former Dorothy Johnson of Uxbridge and is now the proud father of two sons, Stephen and Daniel, and a daughter, Elaine.

Roland has an enviable record of service to his country as T/Sgt. for 3 years in the Army Air Force. Besides participating in twenty-nine missions over Japan and receiving credit for shooting down two Zeros, he also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Pacific theatre ribbon with four battle stars. On November 1944 he flew as senior gunner on the "Big Stick," a lead plane on the first B-29 bombing of Tokyo since Jimmy Doolittle's famous raid in April 1942. He also participated in the great "fire blitz" in the spring of 1945.

Previous to his five years with Whitin Machine Works, Roland was employed at Brown and Sharpe in Providence, R. I., and Hayward Schuster in East Douglas, Mass. He is kept very busy with his outside duties as Sunday School superintendent, Church treasurer and supply pastor at the Covenant Congregational Church in Millville, Mass. His chief hobby is building his own home but he also enjoys baseball and has a great interest in history and music.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

The vacation period has come and gone for most of us. It has presented each employee with his greatest enjoyment and one of his greatest challenges. How well to make the best use of these precious free days after fifty weeks of work is the challenge. It will be interesting to learn how and where the various members of the department spent their leisure time.

Machine Accounting: Chris Myott vacationed at Lake Winnepesaukee; Vicky Roy at Old Orchard; Frank Widor, upstate New York; Bob Courchene in Canada; Sharon Conlin, Hyannis; and Helena Plantinga in New Jersey.

Nancy Porter was feted by the girls in Works Accounting at the Uxbridge Inn. She was presented a car bed in addition to several miscellaneous gifts. Chris Myott and Dot Fazzio were also presented gifts. All three girls have left W.M.W. for domestic duties. We welcome the return of Nancy Trainor and Ruth Kellaher from their leaves of absence. We also welcome Bruce Burroughs to this division, where he will become a machine operator.

Payroll Computation: Fay Goggins vacationed at Hampton Beach; Pat Gaddas in Herkimer, N. Y.; Polly Reynolds at Bonnet Shores; Evelyn Maziarka in Nova Scotia; Ann Sprott, Scarborough; Rose Lent in Jackson, N. H., and Edith Allen, Washington, D. C. . . . We welcome Joan Sughrue of Church Street, Whitinsville, to this division. . . . Bill Hall, supervisor, has moved to Maple Street, next to his in-laws, the Brosnahans.

Statements: Cathy Reeves has transferred from the Payroll section to Statements. She vacationed at Lake George. John Shaw vacationed in Maine. Bertha Bernier took day trips.

Timekeeping: We welcome Ruth Haight of Upton to Department 416a. We also welcome Emmett Smith of Woonsocket to Department 454. . . . Howard Cook and

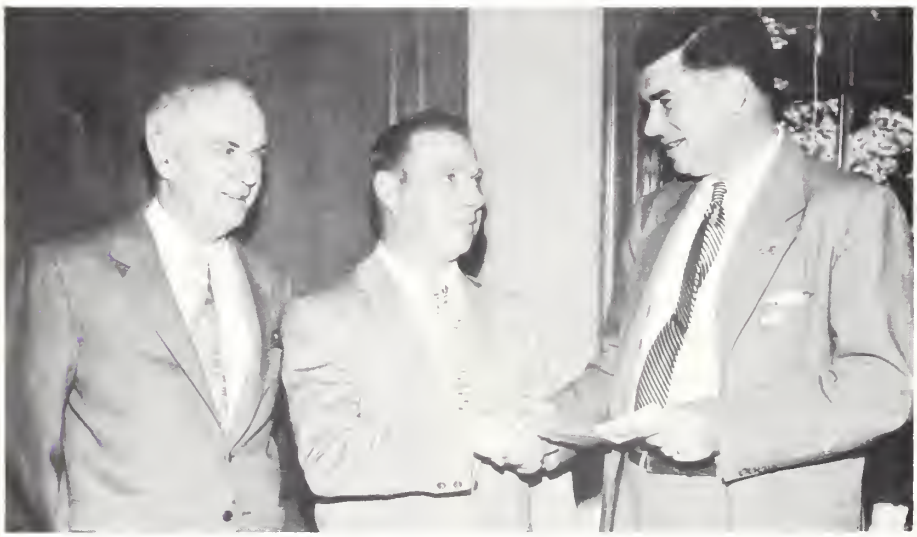
Sharon Conlin, Machine Accounting personality, with her favorite pet, the family feline

Henry G. Lawton, Group Leader in the Cost Department, received $319 for a suggestion which reduced the quantity of rolls and rollstands usually required on the American System Worsted Spinning. From the left: Carl Dupree, Cost Department Supervisor; Henry G. Lawton, Award Winner; Erik O. Pierson, Works Manager; and Henry R. Bailey, Works Accountant

Frank Widor were extended birthday greetings in July.

Personality of the Month: Gus Ayotte of Statements has been with Whitin five years come October. He started as a time clerk in Department 420; then moved into the Cost Department for two-and-a-half years, and within the past few months has located in his present capacity. His duties in the Statements and Analysis section consist of processing entries and other information for periodic closing. Gus is a graduate of Woonsocket High School and Bryant College. He makes his home at 90 Hebert Avenue, Woonsocket, with his wife Diana. Gus is active, is scoutmaster of Troop 850 in Woonsocket and is also connected with the Board of Directors of the Lamoureax Little League Field Association. He plays a respectable game of golf, and is on the roster of Department 416's softball team in the Shop League. He is a follower of hockey and baseball. Gus is good natured, enjoys the surroundings and is a conscientious worker. He drives a '55 Plymouth.

Personality of the Month: Sharon Conlin of Machine Accounting works in the payroll section and is a junior machine tabulating operator. She is a newcomer to Whitin, being here since October 1955. Sharon is capable of operating the sorter, summary punch, tabulator, interpreter and collator, having had previous experience with Associated Grocers in Worcester. She makes her home with her parents at 17 Whitin Avenue, Whitinsville. She has a brother, Terry, who lives in California. Sharon was born in San Diego, California, graduated from Northbridge High School, and also attended the Worcester School of Business Science. She enjoys music, is an excellent dancer, and is well informed on the top tunes of the day. Sharon is pleasant, is well thought of by her associates, and her presence adds to the morale of the office.



John Adams, Expediter, was presented a check for $208 for a suggestion which reduced the manufacturing cost of a Whitin textile machine. From the left: Thomas P. O'Connell, Superintendent of Erectors; John Adams, Award Winner; and Erik Pierson, Works Manager

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

Vacation time has passed for another year and almost all are back after greatly enjoying their vacations. . . . Paul Wheeler and his family spent the vacation period at Hampton Beach. . . . Sam Mateer and family spent two weeks traveling through Maine and out to Ohio where Mrs. Mateer's parents live. He claims he had all the lobster he could eat . . . Pat Mateer acquired a severe case of poison ivy just before vacation but has it well under control now. He caught it up around Lackey Dam where his house lot is located. . . . Charlie Brouwer and his father, en route to Washington, D. C., had an unfortunate accident on the turnpike in New Jersey. The car was left in New Jersey for repairs. . . . On the Cape Frank DeHaas found Joe Bouley with a heavy beard. Joe told Frank he had forgotten his razor. . . . Frank Martin took his yearly trip to Nova Scotia to do a little fishing. He has yet to come home with the big one, but he figures he's got to win once in awhile—that's the law of averages.

Let's all sing happy birthday this month to Arthur Armstrong, John Walsh, Emil Zywien, Isabelle Hagopian, Irene Barnett and Jean Cunningham. . . . We said goodbye to Helen Misakian who has left to take up her household duties. Our best wishes to Shirley Labrecque who has taken over Helen's duties in the office. . . . All of us hope that Paul Marcinuk, who has joined Arno Wagner's force, will enjoy his stay with us. His home is in Haverhill, Massachusetts, but he is now staying in Franklin.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Tad Wallace and Marge Newton

Congratulations to Eddie Allard and Alan Kingston who were presented 10-year service pins.

On Saturday, June 23, the Golf League had the first "extra curricular" activity with a Scotch Foursome at the Thompson Course. After a lot of fun golfing, those in attendance had luncheon at which time prizes were awarded to Mrs. Tom Cawley, Miss Nancy Bonoyer, Mrs. Ted Bisson, Mrs. Bill Walsh, Mrs. F. O. Rizer, Mrs. Vi Romasco, Norm Jussuame, F. O. Rizer, Ray Young, Vic Romasco, Bill Kearnan and Dick Mombourquette. A tip of the hat to the committee on arrangements—Bill Walsh, Ted Bisson, Hank Cant and Tommy Stevenson; and a little tip to those who did not participate—don't miss the next one, you'll have a good time.

The Golf League completed the first half on July 17, with Jim Kane, Andy Meszaros, Joe Tosches and Johnny Steele being the winning club. They qualify to meet the second half winner for the championship at a later date.

Janet Lawrence, Joan Hutcheson, Ruth 'alentine and Jenny Galas selected Narra-ansett Pier for their vacations. Hank nd Bea Cant were at Meredith, New Hampshire and the Eddie Rices were at tlantic City. Word comes to us that any-ne interested in water skiing should ontact Jack Gilchrist. He learned at ake George.

Now that vacations are over, and it is ossible that a great variety of vacations ere enjoyed, I wonder if it would not be ossible to exchange accounts of the various laces and things that were visited in hopes at perhaps you will help someone in lecting a site for next year. Sometimes e are unable to find exactly what we are oking for and all the time the person next us has information that would be helpful.

Our personality this month is Hector hausse. "The Chief," as he is known to any of his friends, was born in Wilkinson-lle and upon finishing his schooling, went work for Lund's Textiles (the present cation of Tupper Plastics). Hector in 1927 inced the U. S. Navy for a fifteen-year eriod. Hector visited Barcelona, Naples, ibraltar, Edinburgh, Kiel, Oslo, Cher-urg and many other ports of call. In 942, shortly after the outbreak of World 'ar II, Hector went back into the service nd soon was a chief gunner's mate. He as in North Africa, invaded Sicily, was spitalized in Palermo, and was discharged om the service in 1945. Hector says that his travels he found the people of Scotland e most friendly and Spain the most scinating country. Of course, we must ake note that like all good Navy men, he as been to "Gitmo" Bay on occasions hich Hector says is a must in the life of sailor.

In 1932, Hector was married to the rmer Rosanna Barrett of Millbury. hey are now the parents of three sons: rancis, age 22, is a discharged Navy eteran; 19-year-old Roland is currently oing a "hitch"; and 9-year-old Paul is a re bet to be a Navy man when he is of age. Hector started working at Whitin in 933. His first job was with the Packers nd he later transferred to Department 427 a stock clerk. The remainder of his time as been spent in the Production Office as expediter and he is at the moment a heduled parts analyst. The Chausse mily resides on Herrick Lane, off Route 6 in Millbury, in a beautiful home that ector himself built. He is always making nprovements about the house, but finds me to follow very closely the fortunes of s favorite baseball team, the Boston ed Sox.

NGINEERING DEPARTMENT

y Bernice Darcy

Our personality of the month is Sebouh alousdian, known to his friends as "Seb," ho has been here three and a half years. e is a native of Whitinsville, attended orthbridge schools and was graduated om Northbridge High School in 1949. He was a member of the Northbridge gridiron squad where he played center. Seb also was graduated from Worcester Boys' Trade School, where he took a course in machine drawing for a period of two and a half years. In February, 1953, he started work for W.M.W. as a detail draftsman and has since been promoted to layout draftsman. He is married to the former Margaret Samarjian of Hopkinton, Massachusetts. They have a son Jeffrey Mark, 22 months, and a daughter Melanie Ann, four months. His wife is a beautician. His hobbies include dancing, auto mechanics, swimming, television and photography. Humor is also one of Seb's sidelines as well as being a great jazz music enthusiast.

The welcome mat goes out this month to Jim Arthur and Judith Simmons. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Ted Fior and Jim Bernard, both patients in Worcester Hahnemann Hospital. . . . Jim Arsenault and family have recently returned from a two weeks' vacation at South Yarmouth. . . . Eddie Desjourdy has decided that it is a great deal less troublesome to rent a cabin than to pitch a tent. It seems that the second night the tent collapsed. As the saying goes, "It never rains but it pours." . . . The Ramsbotham's have moved into their new home. We wish them the best of luck and good fortune. . . . Stuart Visser got up at midnight to go fishing at Bar Harbor, Maine. He and five other men sailed twenty miles out to sea and caught 1,200 pounds of fish. He caught so many fish he got seasick. . . . While Ed Haggerty was at a Red Sox ball game, he met Russ Riley, his wife and child. Russ said that he is now chief engineer where he is working in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and that he wanted to be remembered to all the boys.

Births

To Edward and Hilda Nejadlik, a son, Edward, Jr., weight 7 lbs., born at the Whitinsville Hospital June 21.

To Forrest Noe, Plant Security, and Anne Noe, a daughter, Jaye Alison, weight 5 lbs. 11 oz., at the Memorial Hospital on June 30.

To John Dominick, Department 401, and Mrs. Dominick, a son, David John, weight 6 lbs., at Providence Lying-In Hospital, on June 23.

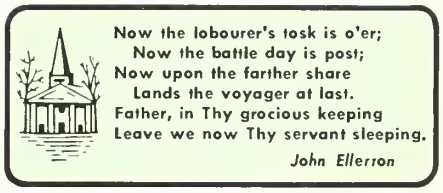
To Raymond Stanovich, Department 401, and Mrs. Stanovich, a son, Craig, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on June 24.

To Herbert Balcome, Department 434, and Merle Balcome, formerly of Department 465, a son, David Leith, weight 5 lbs. 4 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on July 7.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Earl Mason, Methods Department, and Barbara L. Talmadge of Agawam, Massachusetts were married July 2 and spent their honeymoon in Vermont and Maine. They will reside in Whitinsville.

Joseph Jacques, 416 Inspection, and Eleanor Godbout of Hough Road, South Sutton, were married at St. Ann's Church, Manchaug, on July 4. Following their honeymoon, they are at home at 58 Hartford Avenue, North Uxbridge.



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Newell S. Oliver, assistant foreman of the Core Room, on the death of his father on June 29.

Gerard Savage, of Foundry Production Control, on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Delia Rencau, June 30.

Roland Dunn, Traffic Department, on the death of his brother.

Friends and survivors of Richard Lemay, 68, formerly employed on the Ring Job, who died at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester on July 9.

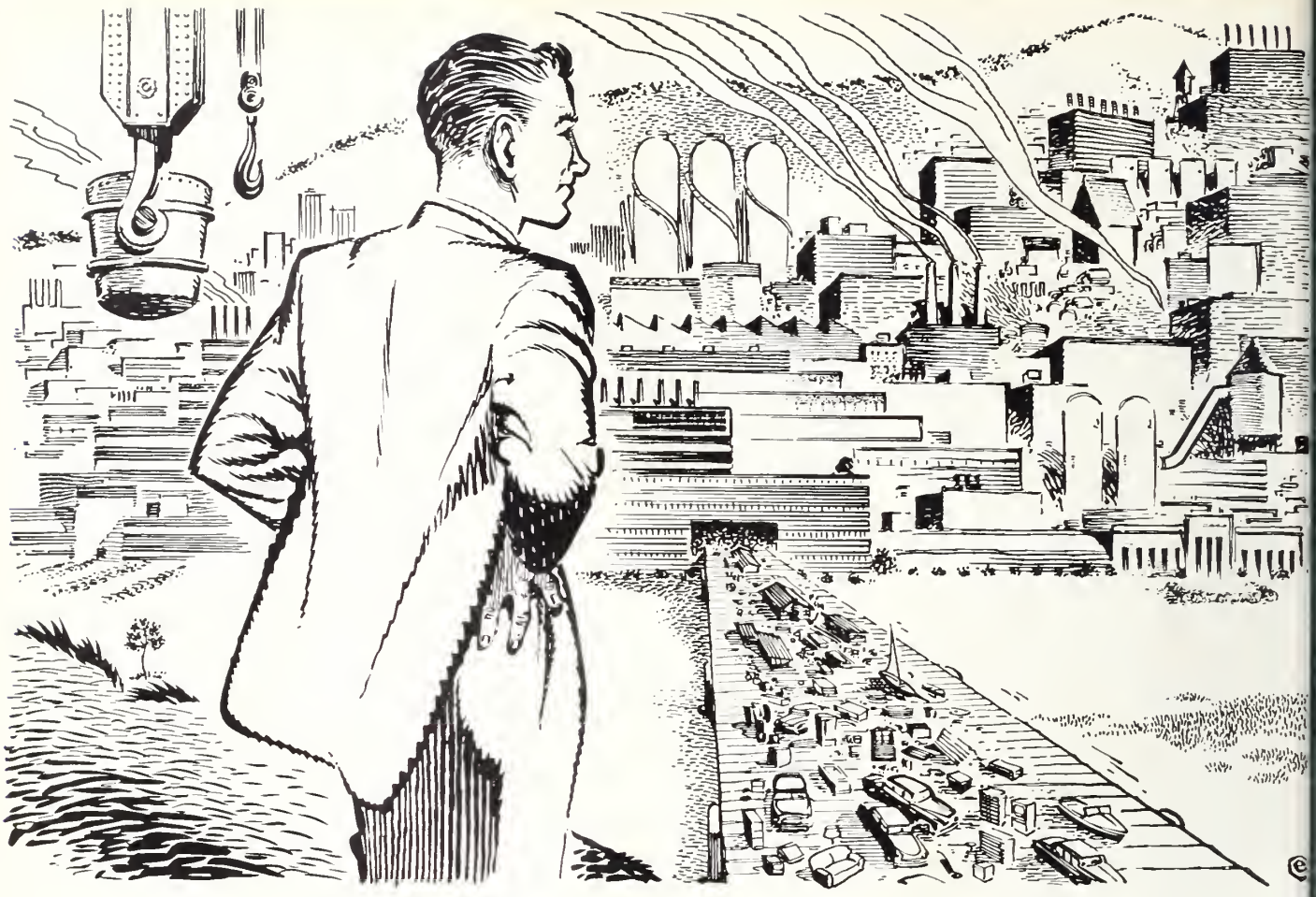
Family and friends of Edward A. Williams, Sr., 83, who died at Milford Hospital on June 22.

Russell Moore, Department 422, on the death of his son George.

Survivors and friends of Mrs. Bertha Ashton, 69, who died at her home at 457 Church Street, Whitinsville, on July 6. Prior to her retirement in 1952, she was for ten years employed at the Whitin Machine Works.

Ruth Haight, Department 416, on the death of her father, Leon Allen, on June 25.

Family and friends of Homer J. Flinton, 77, who died on July 12. He was a Whitin employee for 46 years.



Biggest and Busiest Machine on Earth

OUR productive system is the biggest machine on earth. At one end, it takes in the services of employees, capital, raw materials and other necessities of production. At the other, it turns out food, clothing, housing and all the other things we want. When we succeed in improving the efficiency of this machine, we have increased our "productivity."

Productivity is measured as output per man-hour. Yet man-hours are just one factor in productivity. We measure our car engine's efficiency in miles per gallon, but it takes many parts, in addition to gasoline, to make a car run efficiently.

MILLIONS of things affect the rate of productivity—even the weather. Some of these are plain enough to see. Better tools and equipment, and the savings to finance them, are essential. So are the skill and cooperation of employees, and such factors as the willingness to take risks and adopt new methods.

Our economic machine has many millions of parts. When it runs with increasing efficiency, no single element can claim all or most of the credit. It takes hundreds of smoothly working parts to keep a car on the road. And that goes a million-fold for our American economic machine.

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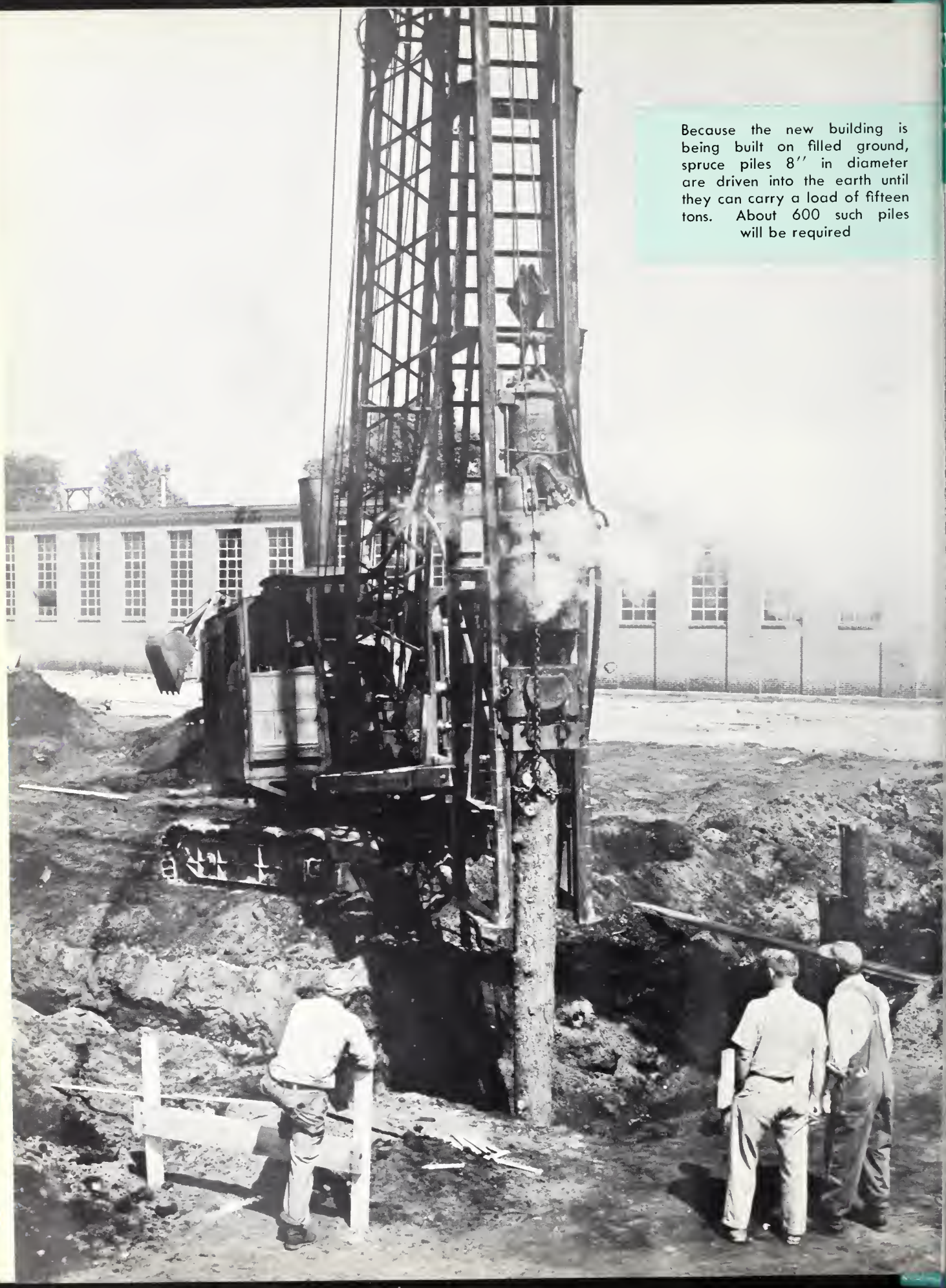


Because the new building is being built on filled ground, spruce piles 8″ in diameter are driven into the earth until they can carry a load of fifteen tons. About 600 such piles will be required

xpansion Program

ood News for Whitinsville

Representatives of Whitin and of the engineering firm check the foundation plans for the new manufacturing building No. 44. From the left, Mr. Edwin R. Davis, Asst. Maintenance Engineer in charge of construction of the new building; Mr. Philip B. Walker, Maintenance Engineer; Mr. Frederick Bacon, New England representative of the Luria Engineering Company; Mr. Allen S. Beck, Job Superintendent

You have all seen that there is a great eal of activity in the upper yard and I think an explanaion of what is going on is in order.

We are undertaking a large scale expansion and eplacement program that will cost over four and onealf million dollars ($4,500,000) before we are through. 'his project is principally for Whitinsville, and, before explain just what is going on, I think perhaps I had etter say a few words about the thinking behind all this.

Everyone in the Whitin Machine Works knows that t times it is necessary for us to lay off certain of our eople—sometimes a great many of them—and then ew orders are received and people are recalled to work. 'his fluctuation has bothered us for many, many years nd we have tried to work out ways and means whereby could be reduced to a minimum. It was felt that as ng as we built only textile machinery these ups and owns always would be with us. Therefore, your anagement has been actively seeking means of permaent diversification. When we got into the building of e Whitin Masterlith Offset Duplicator, this was a eginning.

You will undoubtedly be interested in knowing that e have signed an agreement with American Type ounders Company, Inc. whereby they will sell our ffset Duplicator in the graphic arts field. By this we ean sell our Duplicator to commercial printers. This ould materially increase our volume of sales of this achine.

Before this building project is completed we expect to ave made arrangements to build certain other types of achines, not for the textile field, which would require ore floor space, and, in many instances, more modern achine tools. For a long time we have been giving ost serious thought to installing a great number of odern machine tools for the manufacture of our own roduct line. Many of the floors in our older buildings ere inadequate to support the modern, high speed recision machine tools now available. This meant at we would have to undertake a building program.

Our principal competitor in textile machinery is building a large plant in the South, which decision must have een made after very careful thought. Many of our outhern mill friends have been most anxious for us to ove our operations into the South, where most of our xtile customers are located. We gave the matter onsiderable thought and at last came to the conclusion hat the only right thing, everything considered, was to roceed with the major portion of this project in Whitinsille, although expanding Charlotte considerably. The Directors of the Company have agreed with this line of reasoning and have given us permission to proceed.

We are erecting a building in the upper yard beside the present large, steel fabricating department warehouse; this building to be 570 feet long and 136 feet wide, with a mezzanine, for service facilities, 180 feet long and 16 feet wide. The building will be completely modern in construction with controlled air replacement, and will house many new, high precision machine tools. At the same time an addition is being built to the warehouse building 120 feet by 110 feet. These two buildings—the existing one and the new structure, being side by side—will be operated as integrated units.

Department 411, the Screw Machine Job, will be moved to this new location and will be almost completely re-equipped with new machine tools. Department 412, the Punch Press Job, also will be moved to the new building. Department 414, the Large Planer Job, will be completely revamped and new machine tools added. Ultimately, the present location of 411 will be used in connection with our diversification program.

In Charlotte we are constructing a 36,000 square foot addition to the present shop. Into this will be moved Department 436, the Roll Job. The place where the Roll Job is now located will be used for additional office space and additions to the Personnel Department and Shop Hospital. It is expected that the present employees on the Roll Job will be given employment elsewhere in the shop, so that the move to Charlotte should not result in any decrease in our working force.

We feel very sure that we can count upon the full cooperation of everyone in the Whitinsville plant, not only during these difficult times of transition, but also in the long run when all of these changes are completed, so that we will be able to say that the Whitinsville plant is more efficient even than one that was built completely new from the ground up. In other words, we must never forget that everyone in Whitinsville is vitally concerned with the success or failure of this decision.

J Hugh Bolton

President

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Wilfred Miclette, Stock Attendant in Department 410, has been with Whitin 10 years. He is married, lives in Woonsocket, and drives a '56 DeSoto. He roises dogs

Arthur Malo, Clerk in the Shipping Depa ment, has woodworking and skiing f hobbies. He and Mrs. Malo have a 2-yea old daughter ond live at Northbridge Cent

Miss Katherine Kearnan, Typist-checker in the Traffic Repair Office has worked 36 years in the same department. She lives with her mother and brother in New Village

Lois Heerdt, Foreman's Clerk in Departm 411, enjoys travelling when time perm She recently purchased a new Chevro She has worked ot Whitin 8 years

Mooshek Ovian, Toolmaker in Department 454, is married and has 2 sons and a daughter. He lives in Worcester and has worked here 27 years. His hobby—gardening

Harold Libby, Traffic Department, has been with Whitin 14 years. He recently moved to his new home in Monterrey Park where he makes jewelry and upholstery as o hobby

Frank Tingley, Cutting-Off Job, is a W War II veteran, married and has a daug 19 months old. He has been with W 10 years and enjoys hunting and fishir

Rayon

FIRST MAN-MADE FIBER

Cellulose, which is the solid part of the cell walls of plant life, is the raw material from which rayon is made. The cellulase for rayon comes from wood pulp or from cotton linters, the short fibers left on the seeds after they have been separated from the cotton

RAYON, the first of the man-made ers, is cellulose that started out either as an evergreen ee—pine, spruce, or hemlock—or as the short waste ers of cotton known as linters. Because it is a chem- ally produced material, its characteristics can be ientifically engineered for specific purposes ranging l the way from the sheerest lingerie to the toughest brics for tire cords. This versatility has caused the e of rayon to increase until it ranks second among l textile fibers in the number of pounds used yearly.

Preparing the Pulp

The raw stock, which is in the form of wood chips cotton linters, is cooked by the action of chemicals d live steam into a pulp. The pulp is run over screens d then put through heavy rollers which squeeze out e water and press the pulp into sheets of cellulose e thickness of blotting paper.

Chemistry

The sheets are then soaked in a solution of caustic da (lye), squeezed under a hydraulic ram to remove cess liquid, then dropped into a crumbling machine called a "pfleiderer." This machine contains revolving blades which tear the sheets and break them up into small, fluffy particles known as "alkali cellulose crumbs." After aging, the crumbs are given a bath of liquid carbon disulphide and emerge as orange-colored cellulose xanthate. Beaten up with a weak solution of caustic soda, the crumbs dissolve into a honey-colored liquid.

Back to a Solid

At this stage in production, the luster of the rayon is controlled. If nothing is added to the clear viscose solution, it produces rayon with a brilliant luster. The addition of dulling agents to the viscose solution makes possible varying degrees of luster. The dulling agents used cannot be rubbed or washed off like a coating. They are a part of the rayon itself.

After the viscose solution has been aged in large tanks at controlled temperatures it is changed into rayon yarn by a process known as "spinning." This is unlike the mechanical spinning we usually think of. The spinning of viscose solution is primarily a chemical process whereby a liquid is extruded through minute holes into an acid bath and then solidified into yarn.

The raw stock, in the form of wood chips or cotton linters, is cooked by the action of chemicals and live steam into a pulp. The pulp is then pressed into sheets the thickness of blotting paper

After aging, the alkali cellulose crumb is placed in revolving churns and a measured amount of liquid carbon disulphide is added. When this process is finished, the crumb is of such a nature chemically that it can be readily dissolved. The crumb is now orange in color and is known as "cellulose xanthate"

RAYON (continued)

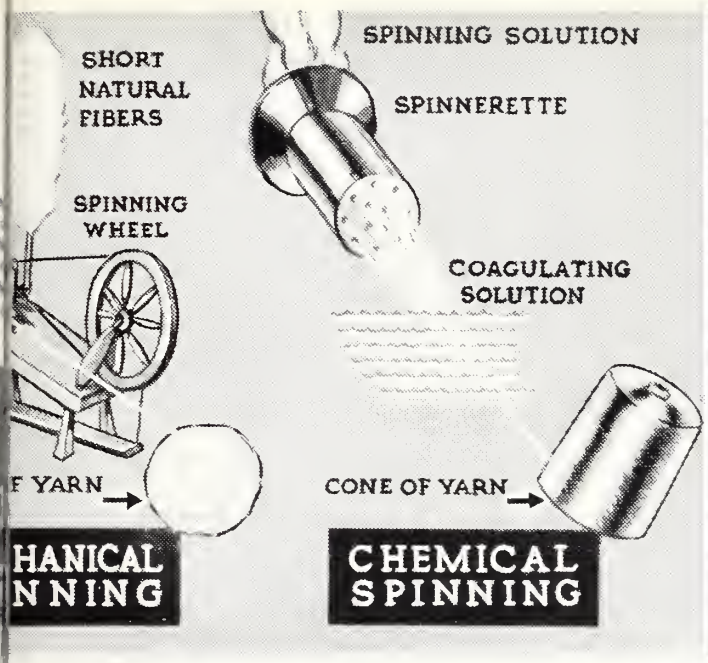
This chemical spinning principle is also the basis of other man-made yarns.

Filaments and Yarns

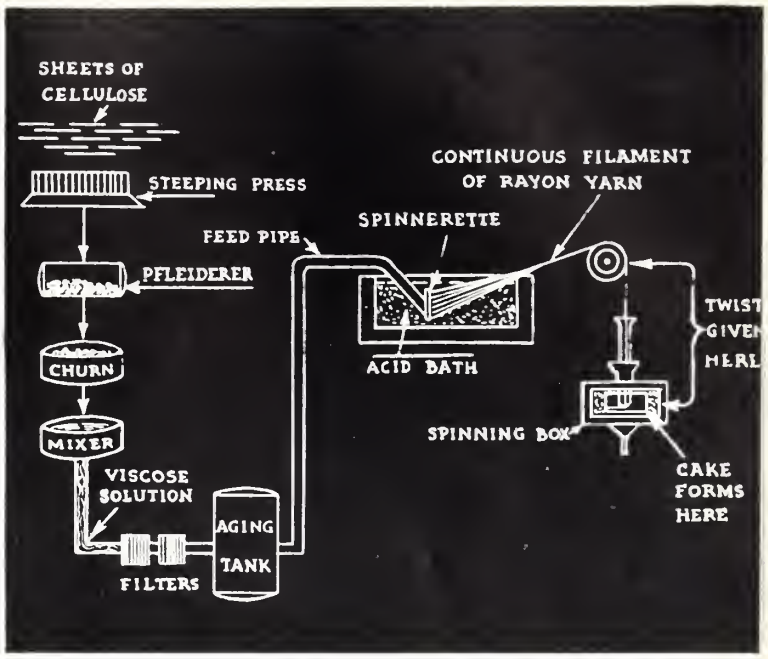
Rayon is produced in long, unbroken strands or filaments which are twisted together to form yarn. This is known as continuous filament rayon yarn. Rayon filaments may also be cut into short, predetermined lengths. These short, cut lengths are known as rayon staple.

The initial steps in making rayon staple are exactly the same as in making continuous filament rayon. The main difference is in the handling of the filaments when and after they are extruded.

The viscose process of making rayon is based on a fundamental principle . . . cellulose, a solid . . . is dissolved to a liquid . . . then hardened back into a solid in the form of filaments which are textile fibers. This process may sound simple, but in actuality it is highly complex, involving intricate technical and chemical steps



The process by which the viscose solution, a liquid, is changed into rayon yarn is known as "spinning." This is unlike the mechanical spinning we usually think of. The spinning of viscose solution is a chemical process whereby a liquid is extruded through minute holes into an acid bath and then solidified into yarn



This diagram summarizes the various steps in the production of rayon. After this process the cellulose is back in the original pure state, but instead of being in the form of pulp, it is in the form of yarn

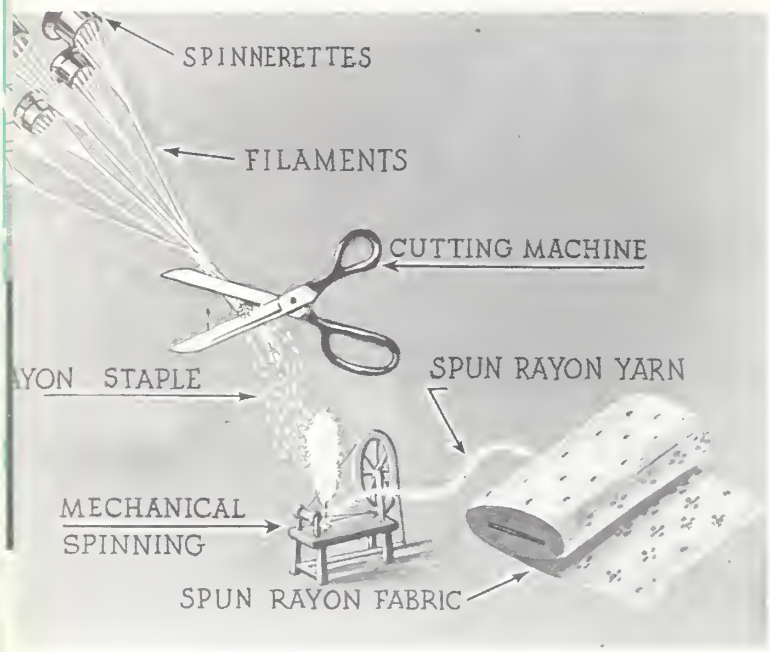
An important characteristic of rayon yarn is its high tensile strength. Thus, it is widely used for tire cord fabrics for heavy duty vehicles. Its high strength properties make it adaptable for sturdy fabrics and for spinning into very fine yarns for sheer fabrics. Rayon yarn also has excellent "crepe-ing" qualities and is widely used in popular dress crepes.

Rayon staple may be spun into yarn for use by either the cotton, linen, woolen, worsted, or silk systems. It is particularly adaptable to blending with the short, natural fibers such as wool and cotton, producing yarns and fabrics of different types and textures. It takes rich, level dyes and prints in clean-cut brilliant colors.

Rayon staple has been a boon to the rayon industry for more than a decade. It has enabled fabric designers to introduce a wide range of new and unusual fabrics for apparel purposes. Fabrics made of spun rayon have a distinctive wool-like feel which is soft to the touch. Spun rayon can be used alone in fabrics or in blends and combinations with other fibers.

Thus, modern science has produced rayon—a man-made fiber of infinite usefulness. It can be controlled for strength, thickness, color, luster and length. The result is a fiber with unusual versatility that can be specifically planned and designed for its intended use whether it be for tire cords or for fine dress fabrics. And, because rayon is a product of chemistry and is subject to continuous research and development, its versatility and usefulness is always increasing.

The cellulose xanthate crumb is now mixed in a weak solution of caustic soda in a machine where revolving blades beat and mix the substance. In this step, the cellulose xanthate crumb is converted into a liquid known as "viscose solution"



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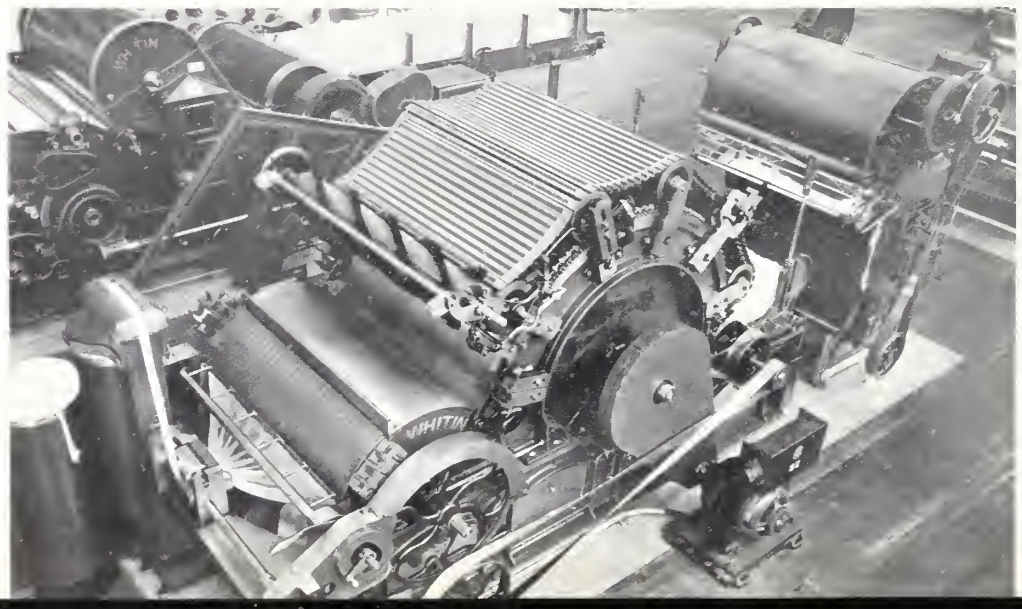
The high strength properties of rayon yarn make it adaptable for sturdy fabrics and for spinning into very fine yarns for sheer fabrics

RAYON (continued)

Left: Finisher picker continues fiber blending and forms a uniform lap for processing on the card. Four or more laps are doubled on this machine

Below: Next, the laps are converted into untwisted fibers on the revolving flat card. Here the fibers, known as sliver, are drawn off the machine. Additional Whitin machines convert the sliver into yarn



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VISITING NURSE

We have recently engaged the services of Mrs. Sara Romanoff on a full-time basis as a visiting nurse. Mrs. Romanoff has had a wealth of experience in this type of industrial work and I hope that everyone will take advantage of the services which she can offer.

In cases of absenteeism, one of her duties is to cooperate in every way, both with you and your physician, in order that you may be able to return to work and full-time pay in the shortest possible time. If her services are properly used you will find her help of great value.

Her office is located in the Personnel Department and she is available for consultation at all times to offer you assistance.

J. HUGH BOLTON,
President

Whitin Personality

CHARLES B. PEARSON, a friendly and sincere fellow, is a member of the Repair Department who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on January 7, 1905. As there is no trace of Scottish burr in his accent, few would suspect that as a youth in his teens he played the bagpipes in the Boys' Brigade and wore the kilts of the McKenzie clan. Later, while working with a steamship line, he decided to emigrate.

He landed in the United States three months before the stock market crashed in 1929. Even with this unfortunate start, Charlie has never regretted the decision to come here. After a brief stay in Boston, he came to Whitinsville and the Whitin Machine Works, where he has been employed in the Repair Department since June 26, 1929. He processes repair orders on Schweiter Winders and both sales and service orders on Yarn Reels and Yarn Scales.

He and Mrs. Pearson, the former Miss Catherine F. Munt of Whitinsville, were married September 1, 1934. They now live at 46 Hill Street and greatly enjoy their summer home, a six room 26′ x 40′ cottage, at Rockport. While it took three summers to complete the task, Charles built the entire cottage himself.

As an outside activity, Charles is a trustee of the Whitinsville Savings Bank. Formerly a golf enthusiast, he is still an excellent tennis player who in season gets in at least a couple of games a week. In his remaining spare time he greatly enjoys handyman activities, and following the baseball teams. He cheerfully admits "It's disheartening to be a Red Sox fan, but I'll stick with them."

FRONT COVER: The 1956 Northbridge playground program has been pronounced a complete success. Due to excellent leadership the attendance was almost double that of any previous year. One phase of the program included the playing of checkers. At Whitin Park, in an elimination checker game in the senior division, Anne Conlee of Leland Park bowed to Leonard White of Vail Field. The final winner and champion of both divisions was Jimmie Leonard of Whitin Park, and runner-up was John Convent, Plummer Park.

The Whitin Machine Works looked like this in 1917. In those days the probler of parking oreas had not yet begun to trouble the plont

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. . . A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (1917–1926

CHAPTER IX

While it was not until December 8, 1920, that death came to George Marston Whitin long an invalid, command of the Whitin Machine Works had been vested in E. Ken Swift since 1916. Although Mr. Whitin was inactive, as a courtesy the stockholder still elected him as treasurer until January 26, 1920. Thus it was E. Kent Swift wh guided the Company through World War I and through the great textile depressio which began in 1923. During these difficult periods both Company and Town gre in stature, with the result that many still regard the 1920's as A Golden Age.

THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP between Company and Town was evident particularly during the decade 1917–1926. This good relationship was due largely to the personality and abilities of E. Kent Swift. To the Whitin Machine Works he brought a continuation of wide knowledge and sound leadership; to Northbridge he brought sage financial counsel which was gladly sought and quickly accepted in the Town's free forums.

In him was combined a warm interest in human affairs with shrewd business acumen. He has been known to all Whitin workmen for his genial smile, his informality, his unquenchable optimism. Among the personal traits which contributed to his success have been a searching mind, a retentive memory, and persistence in attaining his goals. During his training he acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the machinery Whitin made and sold. He was at all times the undisputed captain of the Whitin team.

In the years 1913–1914, the country slumped into a depression and, for the first time in a generation, sons of Company employees could not count on a job with Whitin when they came of working age. However, 1916–1917 brought boom times and 2958 employees on the Company's payrolls worked an average of 55 hour a week.

To the Town, our entry into World War I brough excitement, for 604 Whitinsville men and women wer

During the building of the sixth machine shop opposite the Blue Eagle Inn, tremendous ledge was discovered. During the blasting of this ledge a 160(pound rock flew more than twenty feet in the air and landed on the roof c the Shop. The picture was taken in 1920

ne Main Office addition was completed in 1918. During each of the Liberty Loan drives Northbridge exceeded its quota

o serve in the Allied forces. On June 5, 1917—1124 Northbridge men registered for military service. For ne soldiers going to war, there was a farewell reception n Memorial Hall. In 1918, 2000 people marched in he First Liberty Loan parade.

The Townspeople turned out in force on July 19, 1919 or the Welcome Home Celebration on the anniversary f the battle of Chateau-Thierry. It was a rainy morning, that July 19, as the ordered ranks of 450 Northridge soldiers and sailors passed before 5000 spectators. The Honor Roll was unveiled by the Misses Dorothy Driscoll and Clara Smith. The sun came out as bronze nedals for both living and dead servicemen were prented; there was a laurel wreath for each of the twentywo honored dead.

But to the Whitin Machine Works and to E. Kent wift the war brought both short-term and long-term roblems. While the demand for textile machines was ood, Whitin had difficulty in securing an adequate upply of coal, pig iron, freight cars, and labor. Between 00 and 800 of our skilled employees entered the armed forces or the munitions factories. In their place Whitin was able to hire only about fifty women.

A most complex long-term problem was the conversion of the textile trade from a one-shift to a two-shift industry. After the War, in 1923, when business went into the doldrums, there were 36,260,000 active cotton spindles in the United States. (Thereafter the number declined until by 1947 there were only 22,779,000—a 38 per cent decline—while a production of cotton goods went up. "By 1940, 25 per cent fewer spindles were producing 50 per cent more cloth with the help of 10 per cent fewer workers than in 1920.") The price of new machines dropped from $7.00 per spindle to $4.25 per spindle between 1920 and 1925. During these years, repair sales, especially of rings and spindles, became an important part of Whitin business. In 1923, 1924, and 1925, while Saco-Lowell was losing an average of one-half million dollars a year, E. Kent Swift saw to it that Whitin earned profits, paid dividends, and kept its skilled work force intact.

Except for the four-year period before 1923, Whitin business was good. While some of our competitors, such as the Mason Machine Company, lost heavily, Whitin, because it had the best Comber, captured the bulk of the tire cord market and received a colossal order. At the same time, Whitin sold over $1,000,000 of machinery in the Far East before losing the Asiatic markets to cheap Japanese-built copies of English-designed machines.

At this point Mr. Swift displayed remarkable financial skill. From profits he plowed back into the business $4,722,655 and added to the working capital another $4,000,000. Recalling those days from the vantage point of 1956, Mr. Swift said, "It has always been my feeling that the management of a firm's funds is a great trust. I feel that a Company's funds should be handled with the same care and prudence as the funds of a sound, well-managed Bank." Whitin invested in

uring this decade, when the Plummers section was built, a great deal was ent on highway improvement. When this photograph was taken on March 11, 1921, the houses on Leland Road were only partially completed

Where this house stood the Gymnasium was built in 1922. Here lived Grace Lowe, a teacher in Northbridge High School

Almost since its beginning the Whitin Machine Works has had a training program for apprentices. Pictured are the apprentices of 1926 with Charles Allen, instructor in mechanical drawing, and Lawrence Ball, instructor in mathematics and shop practice

During these years the Blackstone Valley again went wild over baseba Many will recall when the Shop assumed support of the Whitinsville team i 1921 and the day in 1926 when umpire Bill Summers, now senior umpire c the American League, gave Walter Schuster of Douglas sixty seconds to g his team back on the field. This picture shows the championship club of 192 From the left: *1st row*—Tony Campo, John Steele, Bill Steele, Tippy O'Ne Bill Carroll; *2nd row*—Jack Leonard, George Hartley, Bob McKee, Rick Malmgren, Bill Sullivan; *3rd row*—Henry Crawford (Treasurer); Ducky Leonar Eugene Vincent, Bunky Kearnan (Coach); Kris McGuire, Bill Murray, H. Irvin Dalton (Manager)

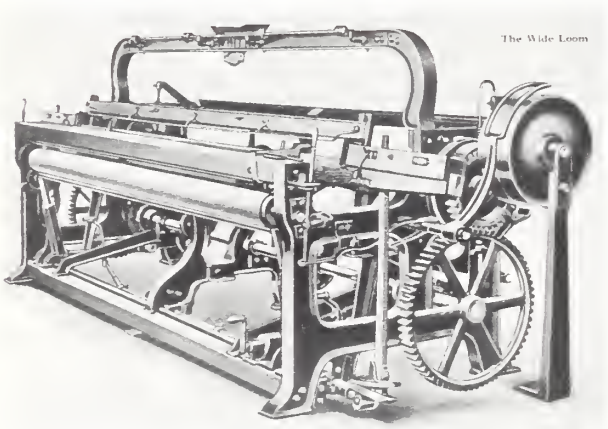
A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (continued)

municipal and utility bonds nearing maturity and stayed out of the stock market.

Meanwhile, for the Town this was a period of tremendous civic improvement, largely because the Financ Committee, headed by Mr. Swift, actually operated a a planning and development commission. Under the leadership Northbridge not only enacted sound buildin codes but spent hundreds of thousands of dollars o sidewalks, streets, schools, and a sewer system. Som concept of the magnitude of these improvements ca be gained from the annual interest on the Town deb This interest increased from $4200 in 1920 to $20,00 in 1923.

There was considerable building also by the Sho A hundred dwellings were erected in the Plumme section and an additional fifty two-family houses i

Below: As late as 1909 Whitin sold 8,455 looms in one year. After the invention of the Automatic Loom, Whitin declined a licensing arrangement with Draper and sold its own collection of loom patents to Draper in 1918, thus going out of the loom business



Above and left: H.M.S. Pinafore was performed at Picnic Point on June 2, 192 Critics on newspapers as far away as Chicago mentioned this performanc Shades of Little Buttercup and Deadeye Dick!

or three days—November 28, 29, 30—in 1921 the worst sleet storm in ocal history lashed at the Plant and the Tawn. Great domage was done to trees and power lines. Pictured is a sectian of Linwood Avenue

Many will remember Dennis "Dinney" Horrington who for years sold newspapers at the belfry gate, was interested in horses and often expressed opinions on the stock market

New Village. In the period 1920–1923, despite the presence of a huge ledge, a sixth machine shop was built opposite the Blue Eagle Inn. On January 28, 1920, work was started on a cofferdam in the River to make possible the construction of piers for the Carpenter Shop (No. 13) Building. In 1922 work was begun on the Fire Station, on the Garage and on the Gymnasium. The next year the Power House was rebuilt and the Annealing Room was added to the Forge Shop. The Company expended also large sums of money for the modernization of its older tenements. In 1924 the Golf Course was built on the site where the Reverend John Crane had once run his sweet cider mill. The land for the golf course was made available through the purchase of the Whitinsville Cotton Mill property in 1923.

The people of Whitinsville and the other villages in Northbridge remained essentially conservative but not sidebound. In 1919, with Prohibition around the corner, the Town voted wet on the license question, by a vote of 497 to 430 and, to demonstrate that they were not joking, did the same in 1920 by a vote of 435 to 333. Yet in '21 they voted down boxing matches in Northbridge and in '24 they vetoed sports on the Lord's Day. Without regret, they disposed of the school "outbuildings."

One change was inevitable. In May of 1925, R. R. Clark Post 167 of the Grand Army of the Republic, reduced to two resident members, handed in its charter after voting to turn observance of Memorial Day over to Jeffrey Vail Post of the American Legion. The G.A.R. post had once had over a hundred members, one of whom, David P. Casey, had won the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving the flag at Cold Harbor.

In politics the greatest change was the right of women to vote. The State primary of September 7, 1920, afforded Townswomen their first opportunity to exercise the franchise. In the State election of November 2, 1920, 957 or 95 per cent of the women on the check list, cast their ballots. The novelty soon wore off, for out of 140 who voted in the Town election of 1922, only seventeen were women.

This period of history was not free of vicissitudes; there were drownings, accidents, epidemics, bad weather and fires. We mention briefly the great influenza epidemic of 1918 and 1919 when 700 persons in Northbridge were ill with the disease. In 1921 the worst sleet storm in Whitinsville history lashed at the plant. Among the great fires, was the burning of the house of G. M. Whitin in 1920, of the house of L. M. Keeler in 1921, of the Shop barn (with the loss of 25 horses) struck by lightning in May, 1921, and the disastrous burning of Manchaug on April 16, 1924.

The year 1925 was outstanding in several aspects. Fifteen passenger busses began running from Whitinsville to both Worcester and Providence. There was a Ku Klux Klan riot on Adams Corner on April 28. June 6 was so hot that the tar melted in the streets. On April 1, Dr. H. V. Williams located in Town.

But, most important of all, in October, 1925, a young man named J. Hugh Bolton, who had held executive Mill positions in Cleveland, Ohio, and in Palmer, Massachusetts, was offered a post in Whitin. His outstanding ability had attracted the attention of Mr. E. Kent Swift. Within nine months after joining Whitin, J. Hugh Bolton was appointed head of the cotton-waste department. His practical knowledge was to be of great assistance in Whitin's coming program of textile machinery diversification.

SIDELIGHTS

ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF

1917–1926

(Excerpts from the "Worcester Telegram." Courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.)

CITY CHESTNUTS DOOMED TO FAL

Beautiful Trees Are Victin of Canker Blight

Worcester's chestnut trees in pub parks and along certain streets, a doomed. The chestnut blight has attack them, and the order has gone forth fr the park commissioners to chop th down. Supt. Thomas E. Holland issu orders last week that all chestnut tre be felled as soon as possible, and Herm B. Adams, foreman of the tree squa will put 10 men at work with cross-c saws and axes and all the chestnuts w be felled.

Dempsey's Rise One of The Most Sensational In History of the Ring

Dempsey's rise to the championship was one of the most sensational in all the long history of the ring. He is the only champion we ever had who developed his fighting powers in short fights. Most of the others fought to a finish, or in battles scheduled for 45 down to 20 rounds, and their fights often went to a decision.

Jeffries fought 20 rounds with Rubiin and Choynski 25 rounds with. Sharkey, knocked Corbett out in 23 rounds, and took 11 rounds to win the world's championship from Fitzsimmons.

Remarkable Easter Boot Offer

A 9-Inch Boot in Five Charming Styles for

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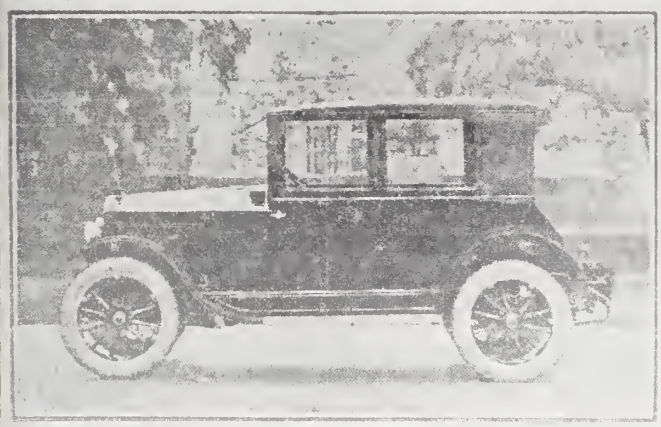
Made with plain toes, high arches and Louis heels. All sizes and AA to B widths.

FOUR CLUBS AFTER HURLER CARL MAYS

Carl Mayes.

SENATE IS FOR WAR

Essex Coach Produced on Quality and Quantity Basis



The New Essex Coach

HERBERT H. WINSLOW
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ESTATES MANAGED
RENTS COLLECTED

ARTHUR ST.—3-family house, in good condition and well built for a home by owner, a good chance to own your home, 8312 ft. land. Price $5000.

COTTAGE—9 rooms, steam heat, good air, sun all day, high and dry, garage for four cars, storageroom, fine workshop. A bargain. Price $3500.

PLEASANT TERRACE—3-flat house, slate roof, rents $570 year. Give me a reasonable offer, owner wants to sell.

WINDSOR ST.—8-room cottage, furnace heat; would make you a fine home; 6750 ft. land. Price $4000.

ABBOTT ST.—2-family house, near shops, best of street. Give me a reasonable offer. Rents $456 year.

TALLAWANDA—7-room cottage, steam heat, 6750 ft. land, high and dry, fine place for the family. Price $4800.

ALDEN ST.—4-family house, tenements always rented, house in A1 condition, $300 down and your house will do the rest. Price $8200.

CARROLL ST.—2-family house, 4-4, rents $336 year, $700 down. Price $3600.

ORCHARD ST.—8-family house, tenements always rented and a bargain, rents $966 year, $1000 down, balance easy terms. Price $8500.

Relief From Heat and Care at **ROYAL THEATRE** Every Day is Ladies' Day

Scientific Ventilation—Continuous Cool, Dry Air

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

PAULINE FREDERICK in "DOUBLE CROSSED"
A Powerful Moral Sermon of the Screen

MABEL NORMAN in "PECK'S BAD GIRL"
A Spirited Comedy-Drama of Laughs and Sighs

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in
"His Million Dollar Job"

By One Who has Made More Than a Million by His Ability to "MAKE A FOOL OF HIMSELF"—The Best Yet

FORD EDUCATIONAL WEEKLY—Children Like It

CONGRESS TO KILL 2 3-4 PER CENT BEER

Meeting of Judiciary Monday Expected to Agree on Measure for War-Time Prohibition Making More Than One-Half of One Per Cent Alcohol Intoxicating Liquor

While they died in 1914, the deaths of this man and his wife at the hands of an assassin precipitated World War I with a grand total of 37,508,686 casualties. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria, and his wife the Duchess of Hohenburg, are shown with their children

THE AMERICAN SCENE

. . . OUR NATION

1917–1926

From this important decade emerged a way of life that greatly resembles the Americ of today. United States entered World War I and emerged as a great world power. Ou Allies were amazed at our industries' vast output through mass production methods, an our enemies were stunned by the skill and resourcefulness of our fighting men on th battlefields. Important also were changes in style, conduct, ways of living, recre ation, sports, and literature.

Above: William II, commonly called the Kaiser, was the German emperor and Prussian king who led Germany in World War I. Born in 1888, he abdicated in 1918 and died in 1941, an exile in the Netherlands

In the small hours of Good Frida morning, April 6, 1917, Congress passed a joint resolu tion declaring war on the German Empire. There wa little choice, for since February the Germans had bee torpedoing our merchant ships on sight. In Februar the incredibly stupid "Zimmerman Note," in whic Germany offered to give Texas to Mexico, had bee published. On March 17 the Russian masses ha revolted. On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilso had read to Congress his war message.

Right: Our period opens with Woodrow Wilson, shown here with his war cabinet, in the White House. Wilson was a man of high ideals who felt that this League of Nations would insure future peace

Left: We close this chapter with taciturn Calvin Coolidge in the presidency. Coolidge is shown presiding at the 1930 annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Saciety in Worcester

Below: Radio was still in its infancy. Many of you will recall sets similar to this crystal radio of 1921 complete with phones

The Germans, as able students of the American Civil Var, had devised new battle tactics with the result hat the Allies were in serious straits. Oddly enough, either the Allies nor their opponents took American ilitary strength seriously. Congress voted war powers the President and America swung into action. Berard Baruch was placed in charge of war industries, eorge Creel in charge of propaganda, Herbert Hoover charge of food.

The result was to change not only the military history f the world but also our way of life. American industry tandardized and mass produced: we increased our food xports to 300 per cent of the normal level; by building wo ships for every one sunk, we increased our merchant arine from one million to ten million tons; we manuactured 2½ million rifles, 181 thousand machine guns, thousand cannon, 20 million rounds of artillery mmunition, 3½ billion rounds of small-arms ammunion, 5 million gas masks, 8 thousand training planes nd 7 thousand fighting planes. These supplies flowed Europe over our "bridge of ships" while the efficient merican Navy fought the U-boats. We "lent" our llies ten billion dollars and spent 26 billions more urselves, raising one-third of these sums by taxation nd the remainder by five great war loan drives.

The Allies hoped that we might send them a half-illion soldiers. We sent them two millions; one and third million of these Americans reached the firing ne. Not one American troopship was lost to enemy ction.

Veterans of World War I will tell you that the Amerian troops won the war. While it irks our Allies, it is e truth. To get the full story we must turn to the erman historians, to men in a position to know, like e German Chief of Staff Reinhardt, and the German hancellor Hertling.

The story begins thus. In October 1917 the Italian rmy cracked; in November came the second, or olshevik, revolution in Russia and the Russians sued r peace; hundreds of thousands of German soldiers ere released to serve on the Western Front. As the ermans lashed out in three great successive offenses, e Allies reeled back. In three days the history of e world played out, for on July 15 the Germans wer

Yet there were signs of the world of today. This shows the successful struggle to transship the Byrd polar plane from the ship to the ice-bound shore of Spitsbergen

confident of victory and on July 18 they knew they had lost the war.

American soldiers and marines had previously distinguished themselves at Cantigny, Chateau-Thierry, and Belleau Wood. Now at the 2nd Battle of the Marne the Germans were everywhere successful except where their units of the German 7th Army ran into American troops. In particular did the German 10th Division take a terrific mauling as a result of stupendous fighting with the Americans. Engaged were 275,000 Americans of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 26th, and 42nd Divisions The Germans regard this as the turning point of the war

An American Army of a half million, in addition to the American units bolstering the armies of our Allies, fought in the finale of the war. Formed August 10, 1918, this army was tested September 12 at St. Mihiel, then, beginning September 26, fought the forty-day battle of the Meuse-Argonne (which was part of the great Allied drive from Ypres to Verdun). The German navy mutinied; there was revolt in Munich, the Rhine cities, and Berlin; the Kaiser abdicated; and an armistice was signed November 11, 1918.

THE AMERICAN SCENE (continued)

We shall skip quickly over the Treaty of Versailles, the formation of the League of Nations, and Wilson's repudiation by American Voters. Let it suffice to say that the Treaty contained the seeds of World War II. Georges Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, said: "Mr. Wilson bores me with his Fourteen Points: why, God Almighty has only ten!" This breach of faith was to serve the despicable tyrant Hitler with a basis for an appeal to German militaristic resurgence. In the campaign of 1920, the Republicans won by a plurality of six million votes, and into office came Warren G. Harding, an amiable man who "was subsequently discovered to have had among his buddies in office some egregious grafters." Harding died while in office on August 2, 1923, and was succeeded by the taciturn Calvin Coolidge. "Silent Cal," a highly-popular president, is remembered best for his vetoes. He was certainly one of the least "sociable" persons ever to inhabit the White House.

There were both bad and good points to life just after the war. On the one hand there was a disappearance of idealism and interest in social reform. There was a decided decline in interest in religion which was replaced by an increased interest in psychoanalysis. It was the era of Prohibition, the day of speakeasies, rumrunners and bootleggers.

On the other hand, women, having won the vote, decided to assert themselves. They rebelled against undue puritanism and stuffiness. In this decade the women reduced the yardage of their garments by one-half, and changed from staid cottons to more exotic silks and synthetics, and they cut their hair short. Some smoked and some drank. Some went out with college boys who carried hip flasks and wore coonskin coats. Their elders were shocked. More and more women found employment in industry and business.

A prominent historian of the times says, "The prevailing mood was not one of abandonment so much as rowdiness. Witness the women's fashions which made mature females look like short-skirted, long-waisted, flat-breasted, short-haired little girls trying to look worldly wise; witness, too, the bright vogue of dances such as the 'Charleston' which was a lively but unseductive romp."

From this period came some excellent literature.

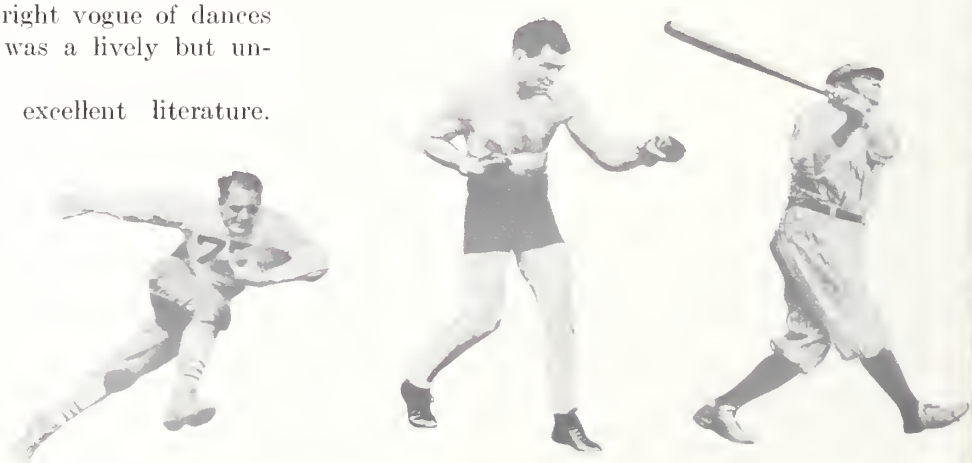
This was o popular style car of this period. It was a Stutz touring cor and the owner was Alvah L. Conant of Worcester, who was a salesman for the Magnuson Company. The picture was taken by Adoms Studio on Cross Street

The nation agonized for two weeks in 1925 when Floyd Collins was pinned by a rock in fatal Sand Cave in Kentucky. All attempts to release him were in vain

At the same time the radio industry boomed and, in the fast-growing movie field, Mary Pickford was replaced as the movie queen by Clara Bow, the "It" girl.

Of tremendous importance, more important than the new chain stores and the new buildings, was the growth of the automobile industry. In 1917 only 2 per cent of the cars were closed. As late as 1921 there was no such thing as an officially numbered highway. In 1920–21 the production of Fords was 1,250,000. The price of a new Model T Ford was down to $290 by 1924. This production resulted in filling stations, concrete roads, time payments on automobiles, motels, and overnight cabins. People began living in the suburbs and driving great distances to work.

Following a brief recession about 1923, there began years of prosperity. By 1926 a big bull market in common stocks had started. The stock market went up and up and up.



There was a sort of World Series spirit as the United States turned its interest to sports. Of the many pictures available of outstanding athletes of this period we have selected three: Harold E. "Red" Grange, known as the Galloping Ghost; Jack Dempsey, referred to as the "Manassa Mauler"; and Babe Ruth, the "Sultan of Swat"

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

The Tool Job Clam Bake was held at Treasure Island on Webster Lake on August 4. Littlenecks were served at 11:30, chowder and clam cakes at 1:30 and the bake was at 4:00. The rest of the day was spent at sports. William O'Neill was champ at horseshoes, Harvey "Ki-Ko" Departie took top honors at swimming, even if he did have to go in with his clothes on, Walter Lawton supervised the softball games with Ben Hall umpiring. Horace Bassett gave first aid to the few cuts and bruises. The day was completed by having our Lt. Governor Sumner Whittier visit with us.

Notes: Herb Henderson invited friends to ride home from plot P gardens and ran out of gas. . . . Dominic Bombredi spent a week in bed suffering from sunburn and sunstroke. . . . Joe Adams sent Ted Williams a dollar to help pay his $5000 fine. . . . Lester Murray had an appendectomy operation. . . . Eugene Lussier and John Gauthier got into a Buick in the parking lot, turned on the radio and sat back listening to the ball game. Their driver owns an Oldsmobile. . . . Arthur Damon retired August 31 after thirteen years of cutter grinding. . . . Howard Walker is looking for a good used 15 H.P. outboard to use fishing Narragansett Bay. . . . Fred Cowburn is landscaping around his new two-car garage. . . . Fred Kollet, our agent for P. H. Davis Tailored Clothes, has a new line of fall clothing. . . . Alfred Milano finds his quohogs very plentiful in Rhode Island. . . . Charles Resan and Peter DeVries are taking 35 mm. slides as a hobby and they have some real nice scenery shots taken on their vacations. . . . Alice Emery, our former timekeeper, has left for an appointment with the stork. We wish her the best of luck. . . . We welcome Emmett Smith of Woonsocket who is taking her place. . . . George Moran went deep-sea fishing off Block Island and only landed one fish all day. It happened to be a lucky fish for George for it netted him $33.00 in prize money. . . . Congratulations to Albert Belanger on his appointment to group leader of the Welding Room.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Due to the shortage of work, George Labbe has been transferred to 405, and Norman Choiniere of 441 has replaced him. We hope George likes his new work, and again welcome Norman to our midst. . . . September birthday greetings go to Chillo Lariviere, and 21st anniversary greetings go to Henry and Mrs. Such. . . . Ed Vadenais is beginning to doubt, and with just cause, his wife's sense of direction. Recently when they were out riding looking for Spring Lake, she led him to a sand pile, and another time when they were trying to find Rocky Point, they wound up at Cranston State Hospital. . . . Everyone was glad that Chillo Lariviere's wife came through her major surgery successfully. . . . Norman Choiniere was best man at the wedding of his brother Paul to Miss Ellen Gilbert at her home in West Boylston. . . . Paul Sweck has the new Cadillac, but Ed Vadenais is getting more pleasure out of it than Paul is. On two recent trips, one to Benson Animal Farm and one to the Mohawk Trail, Paul slept in the back seat and Ed did the driving.

Norman Choiniere was a member of a four-man fishing party off Chatham on July 28 when a 110-pound tuna was caught. Norman had it, but it got away, to be caught by another member of the party.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

George Andrews, who went to Nova Scotia to do some fishing, was surprised by a buck deer. . . . Leo Trottier is back to work after a long siege of illness that required surgery. Glad to see him back. . . . Congratulations to Arthur and Mrs Bedard on their 45th wedding anniversary. They celebrated by dining out. . . . Congratulations to Peter and Mrs. Roorda on their 30th wedding anniversary. . . . Jim Buckley has been discharged from the Air Force after completing a 4-year enlistment. He was formerly our parts in process man. He is now working in that capacity at Department 426. . . . Roger Whittlesey has been installed as commander of our local D.A.V. organization. . . . Norman Sherman is back from duty with the National Guard. He has announced his engagement. . . . Back to work with us after a short lay-off are Bill Mateer, Everett Lawrence, Leo LaFernier, and Pete Roorda. . . . Cleo MacDonald has reënlisted in the Air Corps. . . . Softball season is all over—Department 429 had a successful season—a team the department can be proud of. . . . Franny Forsythe started the bowling team this month. Let's lend our support.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Our personality for this month is Clifford Goyette, who was born in Frelighnburg,

William Baines, Supervisor of the Welding Department, retired June 13 after working 37 years in the same department. Bill, who now resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, received a purse of money from his associates

Carl Adams, Department 411, and Anne Watson were married in Trinity Church, Milford, on June 16

Clifford Goyette, Department 411's personality of the month, is shown with his daughter June and his wife Florence

There is something fishy about this picture. We are told that the fish were caught by Department 423's anglers on their last deep sea expedition

Canada. At the age of four he came to the United States, making his home in Berkshire, Vermont. He then moved to Enosburg, Vermont, where he received his education. After leaving school he took a home study course. Cliff is quite proud of the fact that his folks were Canadian Indians. Cliff is married and is the father of seven children. He has five daughters—Leona, Shirley, Mary, June, and Betty. He also has two sons—Clifford, Jr. and Roger. He also owns his own home in South Sutton. Cliff first started working in a box shop in Enosburg Falls. He also worked in a Central Vermont railroad shop rebuilding freight cars and passenger cars. He later worked for the Prudential Insurance Company. In 1925, the family moved to Uxbridge. While living there he worked for the Draper Corp. and also for the Wachusett Mills. He then came to work for Whitin Machine Works in our department as a die-head repair man. He is chairman of St. Anne's Troop 104 in the Boy Scouts. He is also a member of St. Anne's Church committee. He raises cows and chickens and enjoys reading very much. Cliff has won several awards for suggestions he has submitted to Whitin.

Well, there's good news in the Good Time Golf League this month—at least for Gene Massey anyway. Capt. Massey's "sand-trappers" won the second quarter. It seems that Capt. Johnson's team failed to show up. According to Gene, it wouldn't have made any difference anyway. Capt. Massey's team consists of: E. Massey, A. Bellione, W. Scott, and J. Riembi. Capt. Johnson's team consists of: E. Johnson, N. Lightbown, G. Aspinwall, and J. Tosches. Gene is making his wife keep a space open in the living room for the trophy he expects to win. Hope he's not disappointed! . . . Good luck to Arshag Karagosian, Walter Szocik, and Joseph Provost who are taking the apprentice course. . . . Congratulations to Walter Abramek on becoming group leader. . . . Joan Mateer was recently maid of honor at the wedding of Marion Larsen and Tom Keegan. . . . We are glad to see Grace Devries back with us once again. Grace recently fell from a step ladder, and had a few stitches taken in her leg. . . . There are quite a number of men in our department who are having three weeks vacation this year. They are J. Martin, F. Blakely, F. Howard, L. Laferniere, F. Kane, G. Kane, J. Bartlett, H. Remillard, H. McQuade, J. Flynn, P. Belanger, P. McCudden, J. Youngsma, N. Hooyenga, A. Sunn, J. Feddema, F. Lafrancois, C. Goyette, S. Sahagian, H. Hammond, L. Kane, and P. Remillard. . . . Those celebrating birthdays this month are: Eino Johnson, Robert Aldrich, Kelsau Davis, Carl Hendrickson, Wilfred Rivet, Frank Blakely, James Darling, Clarence Pratt, William McGuire, Carl Adams, and Donald Simmons, Jr. . . . Best wishes to the following who are observing anniversaries this month: William Magill, Noel Beaulieu, John Kennelly, Gerald Baker, Francis Kane, James Darling, Merle Macomber, and Richard Lemay.

MEET "JIMMY & BURRHEAD"

Making its first appearance in this issue of the Whitin SPINDLE is a bright and sparkling new feature. We think you will enjoy "Jimmy & Burrhead" who make their bow on page 31.

Almost everybody gets a chuckle out of these two youngsters, the things that happen to them and the things that they make happen. You will find that in addition to being entertaining they also get across some real sound ideas about the way we live and about the way we make our living.

Dow Walling, creator of "Jimmy & Burrhead" was born in Bellingham, Washington, spent his boyhood there, and received a degree in economics at the University of Washington. Dow was a gag man for motion pictures, a magazine cartoonist and for twenty years drew the popular syndicated strip "Skeets." His "Jimmy & Burrhead" feature has twice won the Freedoms Foundation award. His cartoons have won national contests and have been exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for the month September are extended to Fred Valle Alfred Bouffard and Ray Fitton. . . Anniversary greetings are extended for t month of September to Mr. and Mrs. Tc Tycks on September 2 and Mr. and M Henry Nejadlik on September 4. . . The welcome mat is out this month f Jim Buckley, who is our new parts-i process man. Jim has just returned W.M.W. after serving four years with t U. S. Air Force. Jim is replacing Ral True who has gone to 431 along with Rog Payette, our trucker.

Arthur Gauvin, returned to us from t Wild West, really had a nice trip. I brought some slides in of the places he s:

nd they were really beautiful. . . . elated birthday greetings are extended to rnest Robillard on the night shift.

VOOD PATTERNS

y Vera Taylor

Welcome back to Edward Plante, recently ischarged from the Army. . . . Julian Iasson is sporting a new gold and white 956 Studebaker President model. Happy iotoring to the Massons. . . . Congratu-ations to David Richardson who was resented his 10-year pin by Donald Sang-er. . . . We had one birthday in ugust and one in September, respectively -George Gauthier and Florence Bileau. . . Our anniversaries for August include Ir. and Mrs. Clarence Visser, Mr. and Mrs. lfred Sutcliffe and Mr. and Mrs. Dino etri. In September there are Mr. and Irs. Robert Gonynor, Mr. and Mrs. awrence Gilmore, and Mr. and Mrs. aymond Stanovich. Belated greetings the August celebrants and congratula-ons to those in September. . . . Apolo-es to those who were so helpful with their acation plans but who got no mention last ionth. The report was lost between here nd the printers and missed the deadline.

AST IRON AND RATTLER OOMS

y Elizabeth Sherman

This month we have as our personality mer Ross who owns his home at Highland t., Whitinsville. He came to work at Vhitin Machine Works, 27 years ago. He a chipper on the bench. He was born in anada and came to the U.S.A. in 1922 at hich time he went to live in Manville, R. I. 1927 he came to Whitinsville to live. Ir. Ross and his wife Delia have three ildren and two grandchildren. His obbies are fishing and gardening.

Curley Dumas had quite an experience ne Sunday recently when he was riding in is motorboat. He turned too sharply nd was thrown out of the boat. He wasn't urt, we are glad to report, but was a little iff the next day. . . . Birthday greetings Neil Cota whose birthday was July 16, Roger Deshaies whose birthday was uly 25 and to Roger Vandemoortele hose birthday was August 18. . . . Mr. lbert Cummings and Robert Walker left ugust 24 with ten boy scouts for a three-ay trip. They carried all their supplies nd slept under the canoes. The trip took territory north of Sebago Lake in Maine. . . Dean Perkins, Jr. and a few friends pent the day recently at Rocky Point.

ORE ROOM

y Grace Heath

Most of our boys enjoyed a very pleasant acation by traveling, fishing or just work-ng around their homes. J. Iver Johnson njoyed his first plane ride to New York ity. Joseph Baillargeon motored to Quebec. Edmond Lemoine went to Camp Drum with the National Guards. Henry Laplante said the weather was too cold to really enjoy his camp in Conn. . . . Two of the boys having birthdays were welcomed back by a black hand which changed the color of their faces in a split second. . . . Many happy returns go to Alfred Lajoie, Gerrit H. Ebbeling and Roger Scott this month. . . . We welcome Richard Quidotti to our department. . . . Get well wishes go to Antonio Bruneau and Jos. Baillargeon. . . . Joseph Lucier, alias "Frank Buck," got a ladder out to try to get his cat down from a tree, but the cat was too scared to move and Joe couldn't reach it, so he left the ladder there and that night the cat came down by himself.

While it looks like Rattlesnake Island in Lake Winnipesaukee, this is the wall of the living room of the Harold Libbys. The picture was pointed by Fred Demars of the Packing Job

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Vic Mathurin is home from the hospital after an operation. We trust he is coming along fine and will be back at this reading. We wish him a rapid recovery. . . . Ed Scott, pattern maker, is home after an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery also.

Now for more pleasant news. . . . Roland Labelle is back on the day shift after years of night work. . . . George Rivest is back at work after a long rest period. . . . Vacations are continuing up here as we worked the vacation period. Francis Spratt is out for two weeks at this writing. . . . Ed Kilcline and family vacationed at Hampton Beach. They had a fine time and enjoyed good weather.

TOP ROLL DEPARTMENT

by Louie Bergeron

Best of luck to Bob Blanchard who left July 31 for two years with the Marine Corps. . . . We wish happiness to the following newlyweds: Joe and Ann Bouthilette, David and Doris Poole, and Charles and Sally Ovian. Charlie will soon leave to attend the University of Massachusetts. Arthur LaPierre and Irene Cournoyer took the big step on Labor Day.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Marcel Pouliot

I would like to start out by saying goodbye to a very good friend and fellow worker, Ken Harrington, who is leaving us. Good luck to him. . . . We welcome Vincent

When Andy Vierstra, Department 418, visited his daughter Bernice Gebo in Phoenix, Arizona, he saw his grandchildren for the first time

This picture shows the Whitinsville Y.M.C.A. baseball team of 1910. From the left: 1st row—Winford "Sally" Jones and James Marshall; 2nd row—William Brower, Robert Hamilton, William Hall, Ike Finney, and William McCreery; 3rd row—James Magill, William Britton, Louis Veau, William Ward, Jack Leonard, and Lawrence Donovan

Beadles to our department. . . . If anyone ever decides to go fishing with John Malley he had better wear pillows on his feet, because one thing John, and the fish can't stand, is a noisy fisherman. Ask "Moon" Mullens, he knows. . . . Those celebrating birthdays this month are Arthur Fruch, John Malley, William Smith, and Royal Waterman. . . . The anglers in our department made a good catch on their last fishing trip. The fishermen were Bob Bruyere, William Smith, Henry Nelson, and John Drainville.

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

Barney Farrar and wife spent several days in Washington, D.C., then motored down through the Blue Ridge of Kentucky. Barney's cousin John Farrar and wife accompanied them. . . . Roland Guertin spent his vacation working around his house. . . . Anthony Gosselin spent his vacation on day trips. . . . Birthday greetings for July and August go to Barney Farrar, Tony Gosselin and Tony Campo. . . . Al Blizzard and family spent a few days on the Cape. . . . Charles Atteridge spent his vacation in Canada. . . . Carl Bosma took day trips. . . . Wilbur Baird and family spent some time at Sebago Lake in Maine. . . . Mike Campo has returned home from St. Vincent Hospital where he underwent an eye operation. Mike is the son of Tony and Mrs. Campo. . . . We say so long to Betty Ranslow who has been time clerk in Departments 450 and 541. . . . Harry Malkasian has returned to work after an operation. . . . Thought for the month: Matches flare up only when struck, and they lose their heads.

The engagement of Jack Morrison of Department 413 and Caroline E. Laforest of Franklin has been announced

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baldwin have returned from a very enjoyable eight weeks spent in Burnley, England and surrounding places. Among the souvenirs they brought back was an old time miner's lamp that was in use 34 years ago, at the time Leonard came to the United States. Leonard was employed as a miner at the Towneley Colliery in Burnley for eight years. (These lamps, instead of being worn on the hats of the miners as they are today, were carried slung to the neck-bands of their jackets or shirts, as they were a great deal larger in those days.) In the course of their travels they visited Burnley, Barrow-in-Furness, St. Anne's on Sea, Manchester, and Crawshawbooth.

We are all proud that our good friend Francis Blette was chosen as one of the four delegates who will attend the eighth Constitutional Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, for one week starting September 17. We all wish him a pleasant trip and happy landings. . . . Rita Skinyon, recuperating from a stay at Woonsocket Hospital and William Fitzpatrick, absent because of illness, are both recovering nicely and we hope to see them both back with us very soon. . . . Welcome to Francis O'Neill who joined us on August 7. . . . Arthur Ballou claims he landed an 80-pound tuna while fishing in the Everglades in Florida. We have no reason to doubt him, but we have seen no tuna fish sandwiches. Arthur returned to work recently after being out ill for three months. . . . Orchids to Edward Boutiette, manager of our representatives in the Whitin Softball League. He brought the boys up into third place this year after a last-place finish last year. We all hope that next year will be the year when they will go all the way to the top. . . . A five-year pin went to Albert Menoche on July 23. . . . During the month Raymond Adams, Harold Sherman, Eugene Menard and Hubert Dextraze left us. . . . Albert Lucier and Gary Trottier started as apprentices on 410 on August 14. . . . Serhij Olszanskyj has returned from a leave of absence. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fessenden celebrated their 20th anniversary on September 5. Mrs. Fessenden is employed in Master List.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

September, and for the most of us the vacation season is over. The children are back in school and their mothers can get a little rest. In short, life has returned to normal. . . . We must have had many visitors to Whitinsville this summer as I have noticed many strangers and out-of state cars, also compliments on Vail Field during the Little League playoffs. . . . The annual inspection of the Home Garden Club plots is over. . . . As a member of the committee Jake Haringa, although winning a good score, was ineligible for a prize. . . . We don't know why Bob Williams, who had a lower score than Buster Bromley, got the prize. Buster had invited certain people up to share in the harvest of his crops. . . . Bernard Kelliher in the dusk of an evening picked a wonderful mess of beans from the wrong patch. However, he didn't step on the strawberry plants as I did. . . . Congratulations to Bob Sughrue, Jack Reilly, and Bill Nelson on being accepted as apprentices. Selection is by competitive examination and the competition is keen. Bob will become a molder, Jack a metal pattern maker and Bill an erector. . . . The roadmen will be interested to hear that my neighbor Jiggs Williams is now known as the "Keeper of the Bees." When the men on the rubbish truck refused to remove some cartons from my yard because a swarm of bees had settled, Jiggs calmly picked up the material and placed it in the truck for them. Jiggs should rate some kind of a medal. . . . Bill Pontes is looking like himself again after his illness. . . . Walter "Dillinger" Ooligvian's sister tells me that on a recent morning Walter tried to shave with tooth paste. . . . Francis Macuga, who has sold his house, is now living in Worcester. . . . In the August edition we skipped the birthdays and wedding anniversaries because of lack of space. Here they are for the months of July and August. Wedding anniversaries: William Collins, Frank Convent, Ben Scott, Jim Scott, and Francis Coffey. Birthdays: Bill Wilson, Jim Woodburn, Jim Strachan, Dennis Cournoyer, Bill Rutana, Bob Williams, John Baldyga, Roy Krumbholz, Garabed Katchigian, and Bill Muse.

ANITATION DEPARTMENT

y Stanley Krula

We welcome the return of Arthur Lemoine ho has been out for six weeks following an peration on his left eye. Archie has ended well and says he is happy to get ack to work again. . . . Newest addition the 660 family is Omer DiLamarche. mer is from Bellingham and started work ere in July. . . . Service pins were warded in July to the following: Mrs. 'rease Hoekstra, 10 years; Peter McCollum, years.

Vacation reports: As we are a part of aintenance, some of our members worked uring the regular shut-down period. Alhough we still have a few that have not aken their vacations, most of us have njoyed our annual leave and are back to ork rested and happy. So far we have the llowing list of vacation spots. Peter IcCollum visited his daughter and son-inw in Texas; Albert Laliberte, Sherbrooke, anada; Ovila Rondeau, Niagara Falls, oronto, Montreal, and Ottowa; Raymond olduc, Montreal and Quebec; Fred Rondu, Canada; Ignatz Bartnick visited his n in Lowell; Ernest Pottie visited friends New Bedford; Gustave Lambol, New ork City; Steven Krawczyk, New York nd Connecticut; Edward Poyer visited iends in Hartford; William Smith, New Iampshire; Arthur St. Pierre, Point Judith nd deep sea fishing; Francis Marshall, Vatertown; Jean Mandville built a motor oat; Omer Bourget stayed home to take are of his variety store; Simon Elmasian tayed home to work in his shoe repair hop; Jaques Ehret visited local beaches; 'eter Zariezniak spent one week at Hampn Beach; Omer Leduc went on picnics nd worked around the house; Walter Veseluk worked around his house; Norbert lante went fishing; James Danese visited he beaches; Lionel Belanger visited the eaches; Mrs. Hermine Boucher enterained company from Connecticut and isited beaches; Mrs. Pauline Hoogoian ad company from California and visited eaches; Mrs. Etta Brothers enjoyed her on's wedding; Elzear Boudreau took long alks. The following just stayed home and ested: Mrs. Trease Hoekstra, Mrs. Mary encak, Earl Austin, Albert Bernard, omulus Contre, Alec Lytwynee, Hovannes Iooradian, Rosaire Lacombe, John Widak, ohn Kulik, Anthony Koseiow, Lionel Bergeron, and Joachem Paulhus.

PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

y Roger Brissette

The deadline for our column is the 15th f the month. Our department didn't come ack to work till the 16th, therefore I ouldn't meet the deadline and didn't have nough news to hand in before we went on acation. That's why we had no news or August.

Walter Philbrook was presented his hirty year pin last month. Our congratulations. . . . Hector Sauve put on a clam bake for 35 relatives and friends during his vacation. His recipe for the clam chowder is very good. . . . Mary Koska and family had a cottage on Webster Lake. . . . Grace Griffin spent one week each in the following places: New Hampshire, White Mountains, and Cape Cod. . . . Charles Johnson and the Mrs. visited New York and parts of Pennsylvania. . . . Azarie Gervais took his annual trip to Canada. . . . Joe Stevens and his family spent two weeks at Spring Lake, R. I. . . . Richard Porter and Mrs. Porter journeyed to Bangor, Maine. . . . Donald Dion stayed home with Mrs. Dion who was awaiting the arrival of a new daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley took daily trips to historical spots in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. . . . Joe Rembiszewski spent most of his time fishing the numerous lakes and ponds of Cape Cod. . . . Ben Varney also spent some time at the Cape. . . . John Skeary and family went to Lake Winnipesaukee. . . . John Connors visited Atlantic City. . . . Peter Kuipers traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan. . . . Normand Baker to New York City. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blanchet and son went to York, Maine. Leo and his son made the acquaintance of a lobster fisherman who took them out on his boat while visiting his traps. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lapine went to Rocky Point where they enjoyed a shore dinner with friends they hadn't seen for ten years. Ray, by the way, is a member of a rescue squad who recently tried to revive a drowning victim at Pulaski Park in Gloucester, R. I. Unfortunately the squad was called too late. . . . Ernest Brissette didn't go fishing at Point Judith after all; he helped his father renovate his home. . . . Hank Pontbriant just relaxed at home for three weeks.

Arthur Chabot who has been absent with an infected foot, has returned to work. . . . Donald Dion will be leaving us soon. He is now an apprentice machinist and will start his training in another department.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian

Adeline Montgomery, who flew to California, says that is the only way to travel. She enjoyed it very much. . . . The department presented Sam Gagne with a wedding gift. . . . Congratulations to Edyth Casey on becoming a great-grandmother for the second time. . . . We were surprised with a pleasant visit from two of our former co-workers who have retired—Harry Jackson and Adolph Morin. . . . We wish a lot of success to our timekeeper Doris Arcand who is leaving to go in training and to welcome the new timekeeper, Maureen McKeating. We also welcome Irene Lawrence and Eddie Boulanger. . . . Lots of success to Ray DeCoteau who has left us to go to school in Connecticut, and to June LeBlanc who has gone to work at Haywood's in Douglas. . . . Edyth Fior's daughter Jean was married to Harold Sweeney on Friday, August 10 at St. John's Church in Millbury, Mass. . . . A birthday candle was lit for Joseph Janczyk. . . . At this writing plans are being completed to have a bus load of us to go to the Red Sox–Yankee game on September 2, at Fenway Park. . . .Doris Dion, Madeline Branawicki, Leona Morrissette, and Blanche Tougas went to a party at Ma Glockner's. A good time was had by all. . . . We welcome back Terry Plante, who was on sick leave. . . . Congratulations to Ruth Todd who has purchased a home in East Douglas.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Joe Limanek of 445, who has been coaching a Little League team, has taken off 25 pounds in the process. . . . Fred Chaffee reports that the quohogs are plentiful down in Rhode Island. . . . Birthday greetings go to Norman Stanley, Ray Valente, Arthur Haagsma, Milt Murray, and Bob Lariviere. . . . Happy anniver-

When Andrew Bedigian, of the Nickel Plating Room, retired on July 20 he received from his associates a combination cigarette lighter and case, a carton of cigarettes and a jacket. Andrew has been with Whitin for 23 years

sary to Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zylstra, Mr. and Mrs. John Solina, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lariviere and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hoekstra. . . . Our new home is just about finished and by the time you read this we will be residents of Bates Street, Mendon and happy to be there. . . . A word of thanks to the W.M.W. for all the interesting booklets distributed each week in the Cafeteria. I'm sure everyone else must feel the same.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

Here is a summary of what our vacationers at Research did: Joe Laczynski and his wife motored to the "Windy City" of Chicago. . . . Bernice Taylor informs me that her trip to Florida was fabulous. . . . Virginia Burke took a week for some peace and quiet at Lake George, New York. . . . Mike Krull took a two week vacation with wife and children to sunny California. . . . Bob Currie and his wife toured the Southern States. . . . Wally Caron and family went to visit the shores of Rhode Island at Misquamicutt. . . . Ed Holmes sunbathed at Hammonassett State Park in Connecticut. . . . Floyd Gudanowski and family vacationed at New York and he informs me that one day would have been plenty. . . . Tom Cody journeyed to New Mexico. Speed limits no less than 75. . . . "Chicky" Blakely vacationed at Cape Cod as did Al Benson. . . . Roland Graves toured the Great Lakes Region. . . . Bill Linkow told this reporter that New York is terrific. . . . Robert Nydam, one of our apprentices, vacationed at his camp at Cape Cod. . . . "Ernie" Goyette made various trips to favorite spots. . . . John Nydam vacationed at his summer camp on Stevens Pond, Manchaug. John also took in a lot of fishing. . . . Eileen Holmes went to Maine with her husband. . . . Jean Champagne vacationed at Hyannis on the Cape. . . . Mike Boyko and family vacationed at Bonnet Shores, Rhode Island. . . . Ed Perry spent his vacation at his camp in South Athol. . . . Al Meservey and his wife visited relatives in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. . . . "Coeo" Gigarjian and family vacationed to Maine and New Hampshire.

Arthur Chicanski, Traffic Department, visited a Chicaga friend and found that in the thirty years since he had last seen him there had been same changes

Arthur Howard is now sporting a '51 Chevy. . . . Ray Gautreau is building a protective wall for his lot on Whitin Reservoir and wishes some help from some strong armed young men. Will old men do?

The Research Division is well represented in golfing circles. Among some of our golfers who qualify are Joe Laczynski, Charlie Mays, "Chiek" Corron and "Doc" Szaloki.

Birthday candles were lit for George Gigarjian, Frank Kellaher, Bill Werth, Mike Krull, Louie Rutana, and Jean Champagne in the month of July. Congratulations for July wedding anniversaries are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimmermann.

We all wish a happy birthday to Bea Cant this month. Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month are Mr. and Mrs. Al Meservey, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blakely and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cant. We wish all o you happy anniversaries.

The welcome mat is out to Mr. Harol Russell who comes to us from Pacifie Mills Lawrence, Mass. We also weleome Henry Myott and Herman Haagsma who wer transferred from the main shop.

We wish a speedy recovery to Ra Cabana. Pete Regas is on sick leave and w also want to wish him a speedy return.

MAINTENANCE OFFICE, STEAM FITTING, STRUCTURAL IRON AND SHEET METAL

by Frank Visgatis

"No news is good news," doesn't happe to be our motto men, so place your nose delicately against the grindstone and hel keep this eolumn alive and humming. . . Things heard: Raymond Blanchard enjoye his vaeation with relatives in Granby an Montreal, Canada. Ray traveled by auto mobile and from all indications really had fine time of it. . . . Congratulations a extended to Francis Kelly who was th recent recipient of a 5-year service pi . . . Mike Bikes vacationed at hon devoting the majority of his time to remode ing. . . . Jimmy Chiras doesn't giv matches away anymore. . . . Phillip Mil offieially joined the ranks and files of "pro fishermen after his recent episode with six pound black bass. . . . Chesterli Dion has moved into her shiny new home Dudley Avenue. . . . Aileen Willis a her husband motored to Ashland, Ne

Philip Heney, of the Parkerizing Department, after completing 23 years of service retired on July 27. He received as gifts from his associates a set of sm ing pipes, a lighter, and a can of tobacco

nong the mony spots visited by Frank Rondeou, epartment 433, and Mrs. Rondeou during vaca-n was the Buckingham Fountain in Grants Memorial Park, Chicago

ampshire, where they concentrated on just lounging around" and soaking up a t of that "Ole New England Sun." . . . harlie Higgins retreated to his usual cturesque spot, Old Harbor, Vinalhaven, aine. . . . Roland Graves spent a seg-ent of his vacation wrestling with the lt water at Onset, Mass. . . . Ann lack was taking advantage of the languid aters of Lake Sunapee, N. H. . . . he Maintenance Department clerical orkers marched out into the sunshine on ıly 19 and enjoyed a cook-out at Hol-ook's in Manchaug. Barry Judson and ohnny Jessen assumed the role of chefs ıd together with the good food, bathing ıd softball were enjoyed by all. . . . irthdays this month: Charlie Litchfield ıd Carl Goranson. . . . We extend a elated welcome back to Mr. Edwin Davis ıd Barry Judson after their recent ill-esses. . . . We welcome two new mem-ers this month, Lorraine Brousseau and uth Visgatis, to 666. . . . Thought for ıe month: Don't consider it a disgrace to row old, men, many are denied that rivilege.

RAFFIC DEPARTMENT

y Marcel Turgeon

Our personality of the month is Severin oy who was born in Armagh, Comte de ellechasse, P.Q. Canada on July 19, 1896. Ie attended the local schools and spent his arly years on the farm. On May 30, 1922, e came to the United States and settled n Northbridge. He started to work the ame week he arrived here. Later he left o go to work in a woolen mill in Farnums-ille, but came back to work on the Milling ob for four years. He then went to Rhode Island to weave and in September 931 came back to the Packing Job where e has been ever since. He was married to Clara Noel June 26, 1923 in St. James Church, Fisherville. They have three hildren: Pauline, Ruth, and Roger. He wns his own home on Union Street, Lin-wood. His hobbies are woodworking and ishing.

Congratulations to Leo Gauthier who was awarded a one-year scholarship to Bryant College in Providence, by the Woonsocket Traffic Club. The course will be in some phase of transportation. . . . Congratulations to Thurston K. Brown upon receiving his 20-year pin and to Nancy Britten upon receiving her 15-year pin. Clarence Bisson received his 10-year pin. Celebrating wedding anniversaries this month: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langelier, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Morrissette, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bisson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belanger and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gauthier. May they have many more. . . . It seems that every time the baseball fans from this office go to see a game in Boston their team loses, better luck next time. . . . It is nice to see Ray Gourd back at work. . . . James C. Rice and Nancy Britten have turned over to the Plymouth car family. . . . A welcome to the new faces around the office, Carolyn Ebbeling and Madeleine LeFrancois. . . . Yours truly saw "Cinerama Holiday" and recommend it to everyone. There will be a new production, "Seven Wonders of the World," opening soon. Why not plan to see it? I am sure you will find it very interesting.

CARD CYLINDERS AND SMALL PARTS

by Dorica Thompson

This month we greet Francis Jacobs as the personality of the month. Francis was born January 9, 1929 in Whitinsville. He came to work in the Whitin Machine Works in 1945. He worked in quite a few departments before he came to work in 422. His father passed away a year ago after completing 42 years of service in the Whitin Machine Works. His mother, Sarah Jacobs, lives in Whitinsville. Francis is married and has a daughter Linda, 18 months old. He served 2½ years in the Army and was in different parts of Germany. Francis is a Red Sox fan. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He also collects guns, and does wood crafting and also does carpenter work. Francis is a good co-worker and very cooperative. . . . We wish to welcome Paul Christian, Mary Whalen and Kenneth Johnson. It is nice to have you with us. . . . Lawrence Duhamel is recuperating at his home after an operation. . . . Birthday greetings to Francis Ward, Manuel Denault and Millie Turgeon.

Severin Roy, Traffic Department personality of the month, is shown with Mrs. Roy

Francis Jacobs, Department 422's personality of the month, served two and o half years in the Army. He saw action in Germany

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor

Under the able supervision of Dot Antonian and Len Henchcliff, Departments 417 and 418 held a clambake at Lombardi's Grove in Milford. A wonderful time was had by everyone. The food, especially the steamed clams, was excellent. . . . It seems as though the laurels keep piling up for Rusty Malkasian's son Paul. He was nominated to the Hearst baseball team and played at Fenway Park on August 9. He was a star centerfielder for the Milford American Legion Team. He went to Johnstown Tournament with the team from Milford. . . . George Vincent has left for a job at Reed-Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dufresne observed their 23rd anniversary on July 18. Leo went to the hospital recently for an operation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buchman are the proud grandparents of a girl born to their daughter Carolyn Ebbeling. . . . Thomas Murtagh is taking the place of Leo Dufresne, as planner for Department 417. . . . Len Hencheliff and the Mrs. have bought a trailer. . . . Bill Donahue has been out sick since August 6. He also had a birthday in July. . . . Byron Heywood is recuperating from an automobile accident and we expect him back to work the week of August 20. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary on July 18. . . . Two new inspectors have been added to Department 417. They are Andre Lambert and Ambert Baker. . . . Not much has been

said about the girls' softball team which represented W.M.W. in the Worcester League. The reason was that all the girls came from different departments of the Shop. Department 417's Dot Antonian did a wonderful job of coaching and handling the team.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

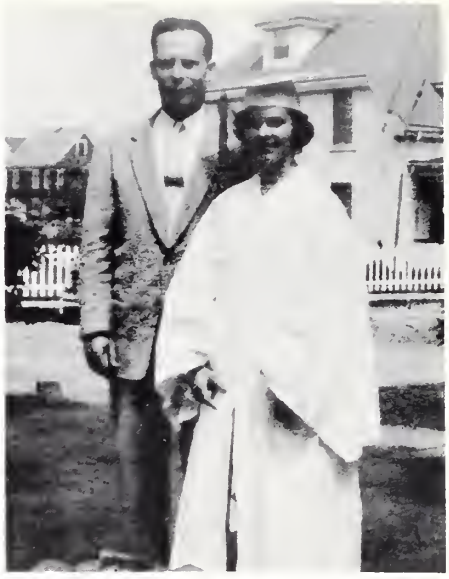
by Maurice P. Valois

All those long faces are due to the ball playing of the Red Sox—but on the other hand, those Yankee fans are all smiles. . . . September is anniversaries month in 410 and 432—the following will prove it. Wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Closson, 34 years; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Briggs, 30 years; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelliher, 27 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlenski, 18 years; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice P. Valois, 15 years; Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Menard, 9 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Pouliot, 8 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Kortecamp, 6 years; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grenier, Sr., 6 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flinton, 3 years. . . . Birthday celebrations this month: Emile Aussant, Robert Anderson, Ralph Aspinwall, Alfred Nichols, Jim Fitzgerald and Harvey Croteau.

A little note which was handed to me by Harold Kelliher regarding the Uxbridge Little League teams says in part how sorry we were to see Jerry (Stengal) Lemire's All-Stars stopped (and we mean stopped) by the opposing team from Southboro. From observation, we arrived at this conclusion—the All-Stars were over-coached. For example, there were two coaches on first base, two more on third base and calling the plays from the bench were four more. Our frankness is sincere and our advice to Jerry is to join a "do-it-yourself" club next year.

We welcome Robert Parker of Uxbridge, a former employee prior to his four years

Chuckie Rice helps his grandfather, John Mahoney of Department 406, tie up his tamatoes at John's Prentice Corner garden



Barbara Geromini, daughter of Guido Geromini of Department 436, will attend the State Teocher's College in Bridgewater

stay in the Air Force. . . . Seen at Foxboro Raceway enjoying the cool evening breeze were Francis Finn, Wilfred Miclette, Pat DeBellis, Harvey Croteau and J. Frank Rousseau.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

Vacations yet: Franconia Notch and The Old Man of the Mountain were visited by Gertrude Boucher for a week. Anita Baumier turned up in Baltimore instead of Canada. From the Chamber of Commerce at Ashland, N. H. came a large map of a little place, "Little Sqam Lake." Thanks, Margaret, we knew it all the time. . . . Alphonse Turgeon is occupying his new home with lots of land around. Did some one mention house warming? . . . Alfred Brothers, William Heffernan, Joseph Witek, and Gertrude Boucher were September babies. Happy birthday to you all. Also a welcome back to Chet Clark who has returned to us again. . . . Roland Breault tells of an expensive picnic he took his family on, in the desert. The picnic cost him over $300.00. Reason: a sand storm caused damage to car glass and paint, etc. He was nearly blown off the road. Roland has a new job and new address in Anaheim, California's home of Disneyland.

"Prognostication" is a large word but no good in this department. Predictions of things to come wouldn't get anywhere. First, our Billy Fogerty decides to get married to a nice lady in Blackstone. Then comes Gertie Ebbeling with a diamond. She has left W.M.W. and when you read this she will probably be Mrs. Joseph VandenAkker and gazing at the Blue Pacific. Best wishes and congratulations to all. . . . Al Blanchette and Albert "Tony" Bouchard have been pitching horseshoes with the Reverend Leslie Chapman. Wonder who won?

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Personality of the month: John DeBoe Jr., one of our younger Department 41 members, is our personality for this montl John, who graduated from Northbridg High School in 1952 where he starred i basketball, worked summers in the Produc tion storeroom before becoming a regula employee of Department 413. His fathe John Sr. has worked on Department 41 for 34 years, and John Jr. makes his hom with his father and mother on Sutton S in Uxbridge. His activities include fishin softball, basketball and raising livestoc He has considerable talent as a sing and as a member of the Mass. Allsta Chorus, sang the lead in "Pirates of Pen ance."

Everyone sends best wishes for a speed recovery to Paul P. Rutana who brok three toes in an accident while workir around his home during the vacation. . . The members of Department 413 held the first annual clambake at Point Breeze Webster on Saturday, August 25. Tl result of contests and of the softball gan between Jim Fisher's "Duplicators" ar Gene Picard's "Axi-Flos" will be publishe in the next issue. . . . Marco Bulduc making rapid strides in building his ne home in North Uxbridge. Marco and Glor Majean will be married on September 15.

Paint Job: Everyone on the floor sen their best wishes to Eddie Nuttall, Pai Job foreman, who is confined to Memori Hospital in Worcester at this writing. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geor Dykstra who celebrated their 25th weddi anniversary on July 9. . . . We are happy to have Al Lucier back with us aft a long siege of illness. . . . Henry Lavi modierre has a hobby that is almost a lo art these days—calling square dances. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Healey, who ha attended the Longwood tennis matches Boston for the last 12 consecutive yea

Jerry Livitre, Department 429, and Shirley Kane were married in Woonsocket, in July

hn DeBaer, Jr., Department 413's personality the month, raises livestock as a hobby. He also is known as a talented singer

ceived an invitation to attend again is year. . . . We are wondering what ompted Alfred Berube to enter the pay-ster's line for seconds.

NGINEERING DEPARTMENT

y Bernice Darcy

Our personality of the month is John atcliffe, known to all his friends as "Jack." ck was born in England and came to hitinsville at the age of two. He attended e Northbridge schools and attended orcester Trade School for three years here he was enrolled in a course of drafting. ck entered the Air Force in 1942 and was scharged in 1946. In 1952, he married arjorie McDonald. They have two ildren, Kevin John, 3½ years old, and eal James, 18 months. Jack played for e Whitin Machine Works baseball team 1946 through 1951 as an outfielder. He so played semi-pro basketball for Clark's dependents and West Side Fuel of orcester, Massachusetts, and for the dustrial League at Whitins Community ym. In the course of playing baseball, a w of his teammates were Chet Nichols the Braves, and Dave Sisler of the Red ox and Billy Loes of the Baltimore Orioles. ck has recently been elected Playground nd Recreation Commissioner for a three ear term. As well as liking sports, Jack is lso a philatelist.

The welcome mat is out this month to onald Harrahy from Worcester, Massa-husetts. Don worked here prior to serving wo years in the Armed Forces. . . . irthday greetings are extended to Bob rossland and Danny Markarian. . . . e wish to congratulate Harold Miller, of he Synthetic Yarn Machinery Division on is alertness in finding an alternate solution o a problem submitted in the July issue f "Design News." This article can be ound on Pages 120 and 121 under *Mathe-atic Fantasy*, in the *Letters to the Editor olumn.*

Golf is in the swing and the "Bull's Eyes," (Jack Ratcliffe, John Lash, John Tebeau and Jim Arthur), defeated the "Bogies," (Jim Roddy, Bob Crossland, Jim Arsenault and Jeff Manning), with three under, on August 8, at the Edgewood Golf Club. . . . Most people get chased by dogs, but Eva Dumas got the surprise of her life when she was hanging out her wash and was chased by a horse. . . . Stuart Visser recently returned from a short stay in Canada. . . . We bid farewell to June Fessenden, Jim Bernard, and Jim Arthur who worked with us for the summer months. Our collegiate friends will resume their studies very shortly.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION, MACHINE ACCOUNTING, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Members of the Friendship Club, Wishing Well, Machine Accounting Members and guests attended a cook-out at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club, Saturday, August 25. The charcoal-broiled steaks and sweet corn appealed to everyone. Ted Froh headed the committee, ably assisted by John and Jim Shaw, Brad Brown, Bob English, Frank Widor, Shirley McNamara, Jean Buczynski, Fay Goggins, Pauline Reynolds, Evelyn Maziarka, and Pauline Hagen. . . . Birthday greetings for August to Ted Froh, Bob English, Emily Quigley, John P. Shaw, Ann Sprott, Virginia Audette, and Bruce Burroughs.

Payroll: Pauline Reynolds returned from the Cape sporting a bronze complexion after her August vacation.

Machine Accounting: We welcome Janice DeBoer, who will become a keypunch operator. Betty Ann Gaskell left August 3 to take up domestic duties. Margaret Crosby returned to her former duties in the Cost Department. Nancy Trainer took a two-week trip to her former home in Kansas. Ernie Chase enjoyed his vacation at the Thousand Islands. The girls in Machine Accounting, Payroll, Statements and Budgets honored Irene Marteka at the Colonial Club in Webster on August 9, presenting her a beautiful coffee maker.

We think it rather unusual that Burnham Cook is now growing tulips in clusters. Has anyone else had this experience?

The engagement of Richard N. King, 482 Inspection, and Muriel Gravel of Woonsocket has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding

Statements: The fostoria light attached to Cathy Reeves' desk not only brightens up the corner but has removed the squint from those baby-blue eyes. The John Parker Shaws celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. Helen Sitnik enjoyed her August vacation.

Budgets: Herb Barnes vacationed in Vermont. Pat McLaughlin is now living on Main Street in the place formerly occupied for years by Jim Ferry.

Timekeeping: Congratulations to Jack Riley of Department 448 and Arshag Karagosian, Department 411, on being accepted in the new apprentice class which started August 13. We welcome Troy McElreath of Uxbridge, Jules Gadoury of Woonsocket and Maureen McKeating, also of Woonsocket to Timekeeping. Doris Arcand, formerly of Department 451, has entered the nursing career. The F. Merwin Browns enjoyed their vacation in New York State. Ed Sokolski, Department 406 and Pete Whittlesey, Department 429, received their five-year service pins.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

"When he was a lad, he served a term,
As Office-Boy in the Whitin firm,
He washed the windows, swept the floor,
And polished up the handle on the big front door."

And by stealing this little bit from Gilbert and Sullivan, may we introduce our personality of the month, "Andy" Magill. A Whitinsville native, he grew up here, was educated in the public schools in town, and has led an interesting and varied life. "Andy" came to work at Whitin in 1926 at the age of 15, and has been with the firm ever since. His duties have been many, but from his first job in the Main Office, through his wide experience in the various departments of the Plant, most of his service has been with the Production Department, where he now very capably holds down the position of Expediter for all Roving in the plant. Besides being devoted to his work, "Andy" also has found time to pursue other fields. He was a good basketball player, played some football, but possibly his best athletic love was long distance running. He started in several Boston Marathon races and gave a splendid account of himself each time out. His love for sports has never left him as today he is the manager of the Phillies in the Little League (second half winners) and we are reasonably certain that no manager devotes more time to a team than does Andy. During the winter months, Andy captains the office bowling team and enjoys fishing for salmon on one of his favorite lakes in Maine. He is married to the former Elinor Lee Smith, who at one time taught school at Northbridge High School. They have been married fourteen years and they have two children, Jason 12 years old who incidentally pitches for his "Dad" in the Little League, and 10-year old daughter Andrea. Another distinction or singular honor that has fallen on "Andy" is that on August 2, he was presented his thirty year pin by Mr. Bolton and Mr. Pierson, making "Andy" the youngest 30-year man in the plant. I think it is also significant to note that the same "Andy" is quite adept at writing poetry.

Pat DiSalvo, Department 465, acquired o beautiful tan on the beach at Miami

The Production Office personnel were pleasantly surprised after vacation to notice that Julie McMullin and Brenda Cook had returned to work after being on the "sick list" for quite some time. . . . John Hay, a former employee, dropped in to say hello to his many friends in the plant recently. John and Mrs. Hay now make their home in Florida and we must say that the Florida sunshine has done wonders for John. He looked wonderful and reported that he felt the same. . . . Hank Cant finally realized the goal of all golfers when on July 28, while playing golf with Bill Taylor, Dick Cunningham, and Ted Bisson, Hank got a hole-in-one on the 2nd hole at the Whitin course. Hank stepped up with his trusty 5 iron in hand and plunked his tee shot right into the cup. When I asked Hank how he felt, he said, "There is just no way to describe the feeling" and, being somewhat of a golfing enthusiast, I can readily see what he meant. Congratulations Hank.

Bill Walsh recently attended a reunion of his graduation class, the class of '26 of Northbridge High School. The affair was held at the Uxbridge Inn and Bill tells us that it was a wonderful occasion. He renewed acquaintances with people whom he had not seen for many years. Bill said that much of the credit for the occasion's being successful must go to Chairman Harry Bedford who did a splendid job on the arrangements. Among those present were former Principal of the school, Mr. William B. Appleton, and former Varsity Coach, Arthur LaPlante. . . . A shower was held for Barbara Spratt at Thompson Lodge in Westboro on August 9. . . . A hot-dog roast and swimming party was held at Jim Bernard's Camp on Stevens Pond by the Master Route and Central Planning Divisions. Henrietta Hoogendyk really outdid herself in the entertainment field and in the water can give Esther Williams good competition.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

by Carol Corron

The spring tournament at the Golf Club was bound to be won by someone in the Repair Department as both Dick Cunningham and Dick Rawlinson were in the finals. Dick Cunningham says that it was just luck that Dick Rawlinson finally won by one stroke on the 19th hole!! . . . Dick Rawlinson recently caught a 9 lb. bluefish at Buzzards Bay. . . . Chet Walker went to Siasconset, Nantucket, over the Labor Day weekend. . . . Ann Bosma, the former Ann Haringa, a former employee of this department, is here on a visit from California. While she was here, some of the girls took her to dinner at the Colonial Club. . . . Anniversary wishes to Joyce Rondeau, Dick

The Whitin Machine Works Girls' Softball Team won the 1956 Championship of the Bob Devlin League, Worcester, Mass. Front row, from the left: Dorothy Antoion, Coach; Donna Mezynski, Jean Labonte, Marilyn Blair, Ruth Brouwer, Beverly Ferrand. Standing, from the left: Barbara Spratt, Scorer; Joan Hutcheson, Ann Cordingly, Judy Picotte, Joyce Bognall, Barbara Green, Shirley Burgess, Gertrude DeJong, and Priscilla Kelliher

unningham, Charlie Pearson and Jim Marıall. . . . Birthday greetings to Norma aker, Edna L'Esperance, Alice DerToroan, Chet Walker, Dick Cunningham and heresa Caswell. . . . We enjoyed a bulous chicken dinner at Ma Glockner's honor of Theresa Caswell, Sylvia Simoni-ı and Lillian Mathurin who are leaving us. 'e say farewell to them and hello to their placements—Jennie Commons, Virginia indblom, and Joanie Parker. . . . Alice erTorosian and Orrin Austin have been ı their vacation. . . . Fred Hanny's ercing whistle can stop a bus! I saw it ıppen as Fred played good samaritan for a rl who had missed her bus.

IETHODS

y Jean Cunningham

Paul Wheeler has bought a new car—a el Air—and the next fellow who buys this ır will have no worries at all. Each night aul may be seen in his back yard tinkering ith the engine, adjusting the windows, or ıining the body. . . . Arno Wagner and ıe men who work for him enjoyed their ›arly steak roast at Purgatory Chasm. he fellows always enjoy this cook out. . . A wiener roast at Forget's picnic 'ounds was enjoyed by members of the ›partment. Swimming and baseball were ıe features. Everyone had a wonderful me. . . . Jim Shaw has returned to ork after serving on the jury. He says › convictions. He spent six weeks listening › cases. Now, Jim will be busy with the epublican Committee until after election. . . I hope by the time this is being read ıat Frank Martin and Leo Petrie will be ıck to work. They are both doing well at ıis writing and expect to be back soon. 'e are all glad to have George Hartley ıck with us again. . . . Al Coburn and l the other sparks were entertained and ıjoyed a fine time at Mt. Washington ›nding and receiving on their "ham" ıdios. . . . Joe Bouley and Archie Boliır went to Pittsburgh with the Eagles 'rill Team. On the way home they got lost nd drove almost into Canada.

'OST DEPARTMENT

y Dick Hanny and 'auline Hagan

This month we have a few more happy eople back from vacations. Ray Colby notored through the White Mountains; Roland Farrar took his family to Washington, D.C.; Larry Sarefian and his family isited New York state; Tom Altoonian nd his family visited Atlantic City; and our reporter Pauline Hagan and her usband spent a few days at Alton Bay, N. H.

Happy motoring to John Miracle in his ıew '55 Chevy Bel Air. . . . A few nembers of the office visited Marian Metalf at her home where she has been reuperating from a serious back injury and left a sunshine basket to help brighten her shut-in days. . . . Some of the girls attended a recent shower for Irene Marteka at the Colonial Club. Bea Gauthier provided piano selections for harmonizing and dancing. Gaiety and laughter prevailed throughout the evening. . . . Plans are progressing for the annual summer steak party at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club. With Ted Froh as chief skilleteer, we feel sure the affair will meet with great success. . . . As the summer draws to a close we must part with our summer workers who have lent us such a pleasant helping hand. . . . Shirley McNamara sometimes worries about her husband's safe return from his part-time job as disc jockey at WWON. His recent feud with singer Elvis Presley has gained him quite a following with the teenagers of Woonsocket. . . . Our pianist Larry Sarafian informs us that the "Vanguards" have made their first recording for the Harper Record Co. This release promises to be a huge success and this promising recording group already has another contract for a second record. . . . Birthdays: Margaret Crosby, Florence LeBeau, Ann Wojtalik, Bradley Brown, Carl Duprec, and Paul Larossee. . . . Anniversaries: Bea and Leon Gauthier, their 15th; Jim and Jocelyn Shaw, their 3rd; and Homer and Lillian Adams, their 6th.

MYSTERY PHOTO—On the left is William Skillen of Master List. On the right is a Whitin employee who in 1917 was known as a hunter, a fisherman, and a motorcycle enthusiast

FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL OFFICE

by Earl Briggs

Congratulations to "Broady" on buying a '56 Nash Rambler station wagon. . . . William Taylor moved to his home at 7 Oak Street during vacation and Joe Mercak moved to his home at 79 Main Street, East Douglas at approximately the same time. . . . A little late on vacation notes, but we are told Bob Paul made quite a hit at Hampton Beach when he walked the boardwalk in his red Bermuda shorts and black

Champion of the Whitin Machine Works Softball League is the Apprentice Team. For winning the regular league schedule each member of the team received a jacket. First row, from the left: Arthur Bokaski, Floyd Gudanowski, Bernard Howard, Richard Lachapelle, Roland Wilson, Mgr. Back row: Ted Widor, Gerry Roy, Andrew Fitzgerald, Paul Godbout, Alvin Millette and George Burgess

jersey. . . . We are sorry to hear of the auto accident that Mrs. Howard Sears had recently. We certainly hope that she and the rest of the family are well on the road to recovery. . . . Mrs. George Vincent was a recent surgical patient at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester. . . . Birthdays were celebrated in August by William Taylor, Romeo Tellier, and Russell Lupien. September birthday greetings go to Germaine Mayberry and Gerard Savage. . . . The only wedding anniversary greeting this month goes to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Higgins, their 10th.

Births

To Frank Budnick, Methods, and Mrs. Budnick, a son, James Michael, weight 9 lbs. 8 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on July 17.

To Henry Myott, Research Division, and Christine Myott, Machine Accounting, a son, Stephen Gerald, at Whitinsville Hospital on August 2.

To Herbert Cutler, Research Division, and Mrs. Cutler, a daughter, Lu Anne, on August 5.

To Arthur Boucher and Mrs. Boucher, a son, Alan Arthur, weight 5 lbs. 7 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on June 10.

To Richard Lemay and Mrs. Lemay, a son, Gary, at Mercy Hospital, Woonsocket, on July 25.

To Lucien and Pauline Horent, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 8 oz., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, on August 8.

To Dick and Peg Hanny, a son, Mark Lawson, weight 7 lbs., at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on August 9.

To Harold Porter and Nancy Porter, Machine Accounting, a son, on July 26.

To Allan Schaapman and Carolyn Schaapman, Statements, a son, on July 24.

To Chester Frieswick and Mrs. Frieswick, a son, Mark Kendall, weight 8 lbs. 13 oz., at The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on July 28.

To Francis Lockwood and Mrs. Lockwood, a son, Thomas Francis, weight 9 lbs., at Woonsocket Hospital on August 13.

To Aldor St. Germain, Department 432, and Mrs. St. Germain, a son, Donald, weight 7 lbs. 4 oz., on July 27.

To Roland Rondeau, Deparment 405, and Mrs. Rondeau, a son in Woonsocket Hospital on July 12.

To Aldege Guilbert, Traffic Department, and Mrs. Guilbert, a son, Arthur, on July 2.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Thomas Keegan, formerly an inspector in 417, and Marion Larsen, inspector in 424, were married on August 4. Following a Niagara Falls honeymoon, they are living in Hartford, Connecticut.

Sam Gagne, Linwood Division, and Florence Petrie were married on July 29.

The engagement of Roger Deshaies, 405 Inspection, and Miss Georgette Laplume of Blackstone has been announced. A November wedding is planned.

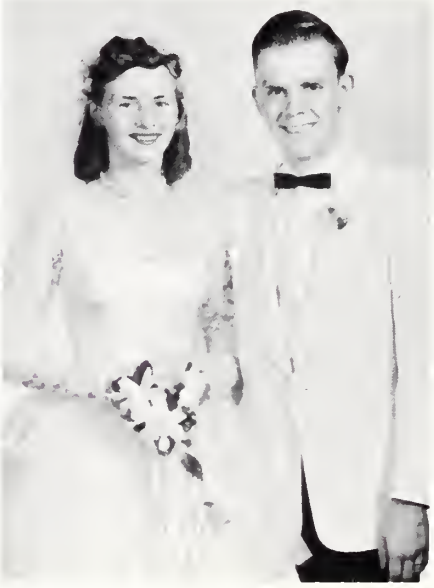
Romeo Tellier, Core Room Timekeeping, and Miss Shirley A. Benjamin, Foundry Production Office, were married in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, on September 15.

Gerald R. Forcier, Storesroom No. 26, and Miss Elaine Cook were married in St. Charles' Church, Woonsocket, on September 3.

Carl Adams, Department 411, and Anne Watson were married in Trinity Church, Milford, on June 16.

Edward Plante, Department 401, and Bernice Brown, Supply Room, were married at St. Anne's Church, Manchaug, on September 1.

Sylvia Simonian, Repair Department, and Douglas Merriman of Connecticut were married in the Village Congregational Church on August 11.



Walter Anderberg, Jr., Foundry Timekeeping and Mrs. Anderberg were married in St. Mary's Church, Milford, on June 30

Michael Mathurin and Lillian Mathurin were married in St. Patrick's Church on August 27.

Robert Jolicoeur, Paint Job, and Miss Cecile Trudeau of Blackstone were married in Bellingham on June 30.

Now the labourer's task is o'er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

John Ellerton

Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of Bernard F. DeRosier, 47, of 10 Baton Avenue, Whitinsville, who died at his home on August 4.

Arthur St. Andre and family on the death of Mrs. St. Andre.

Survivors and friends of Edward Laquerre Sr. who died at his home on July 10.

Relatives and friends of Benjamin Dawe who died July 21.

Friends and family of Frank Vincent who died August 3.

Evelyn Farrar on the death of her mother.

Napoleon Papineau on the death of his wife on July 24.

Gerard Lefebvre, Department 440, on the death of his father, Max Lefebvre on July 7.

Family and friends of Arsene Racicot, 67, of Boulder Street, Uxbridge, who died at his home, August 11. He was for 40 years a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works.

Relatives and friends of Felix J. Gauthier, 69, who died at his home at 107 Linwood Street, Uxbridge, on July 22. He had worked at the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of Thomas J. Fitzpatrick, 79, of 13 Pine Street, Whitinsville, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, on July 20. Prior to his retirement in 1952, he was for 58 years an employee of the Whitin Machine Works.

Friends and relatives of Richard Garabedian, 44, of 31 D Street, Whitinsville, who died July 30. For 30 years a Whitin employee, he worked in the Pattern Loft.

Relatives and friends of William Baird, 72, retired Whitin foreman, who died at the home of his son on Rivulet Street, Uxbridge, on August 16.

Family and friends of Charles C. Willard, 57, of 481 Church St., Whitinsville, who died at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on August 15. He was for 42 years a Whitin employee.

JIMMY and BURRHEAD
DOW WALLING
YEAH... AND IT KNOCKED HIM A LITTLE GOOFY, JIMMY! WE NEVER HAD A BETTER TIME TO WORK MY STUNT
I REALLY THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE, SHORTY
MAYBE THAT BANG ON THE HEAD WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO MAKE BURRHEAD REALIZE HOW CARELESS HE IS WITH TOOLS
IT HAD TO HAPPEN TO YOU SOONER OR LATER, BURRHEAD... YOU'RE SO CARELESS ABOUT WHERE YOU LEAVE US
US?!!
SURE... US TOOLS. LOOK AT THE SHAPE I'M IN... LOOK WHAT THAT DIET OF NAILS DID TO MY POOR TEETH -- THANKS TO YOU! A NICE, NEW SAW... RUINED AT THE HEIGHT OF MY CAREER!
!
AND I (LAUGHINGLY) USED TO BE CALLED A SQUARE... UNTIL YOU LEFT ME ON THE FLOOR UNDER YOUR BIG, FLAT FEET!
THE TROUBLE WITH US IS YOU--AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE
!
LET'S GANG UP ON HIM
YEAH. TREAT HIM SAME AS HE TREATS US
HOW ABOUT TOSSING HIM IN A CORNER SOMEWHERE
OR LEAVING HIM IN THE RAIN TILL HE GETS RUSTY
MAYBE I DIDN'T REALLY HEAR WHAT I HEARD! MAYBE THEY DIDN'T SAY WHAT THEY SAID... ONE THING... I'M NOT STICKING 'ROUND TO FIND OUT
ANYTHING WRONG, BURRHEAD?
YEAH! A TOOL IS NO FOOL!... I MEAN YOU CAN'T FOOL WITH A TOOL!.. I MEAN... I'VE BEEN A FOOL WITH TOOLS! THERE! I'VE SAID IT!.. AND I MEAN IT!!
MY VOICE THROWING STUNT WORKED GOOD... HUH?
GOOD ENOUGH. IT'S GOT BURRHEAD THINKING, ANYWAY
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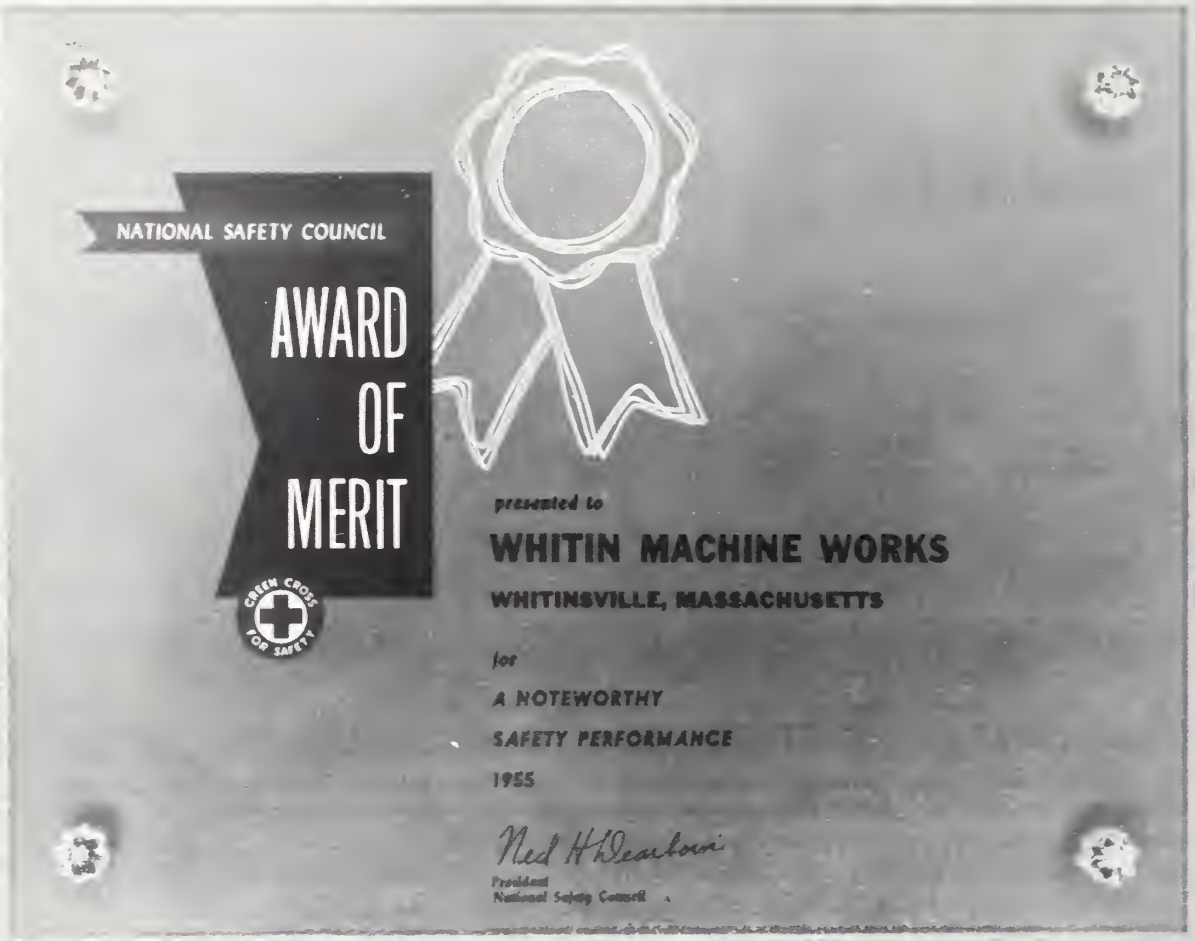

WHITIN PRESENTED AWARD OF MERIT

The National Safety Council has presented an Award of Merit to the Whitin Machine Works in recognition of our outstanding safety record for the year 1955. This coveted award was received by only a few companies.

To a member of the Safety Committee this award means that during 1955 the frequency rate of accidents in our plant was reduced 33 per cent and the severity rate of accidents 83 per cent. To the employees it means that Whitin is a safer place in which to work. To the families of Whitin employees it represents a lot of pain, grief, and financial loss which *did not happen.*

It was through everyone's cooperation that the 1955 Safety Program was a success. We can further reduce our accident rate if each employee reports any safety hazards he notices to a member of the Safety Committee. Let's all work together to further improve our safety record.

THE WHITIN Spindle

October 1956

Familiar Faces

Around the Plant

Frank Visgatis, foreman's clerk in Departments 661, 662, and 670, recently completed 6 years in the Marine Carps. He is a "Spindle" reparter and his habby is golf

Burnham Caak, Chief Maintenance Clerk has 23 years at Whitin. He has a san and a daughter. His hobby is gardening and he is a Yankee and Braves fan

Bernice Darcy, Secretary in the Engineering Department, lives in Uxbridge where she was barn. She is a "Spindle" reporter and her habby is watching sparts

Grace Heath is the foreman's clerk in th Core Room. She is a "Spindle" reporte and lives on Providence Road, Whitinsvill Her hobby is raising flowers

Leon Atteridge, 411 Group Leader and "Spindle" reporter, has 16 years at Whitin. He has a san and a daughter. In his spare time he operates a refreshment stand

Lucien Bergeron, machine operator and "Spindle" reporter in the Tap Roll Department, lives in Waansacket. He has 2 daughters and a san. His hobby—model airplanes

John Tauhey, Graup Leader in Depar ment 406A, is a native of Whitinsville wi 27 years' seniority at Whitin. His habby fishing and he is a Red Sax fan

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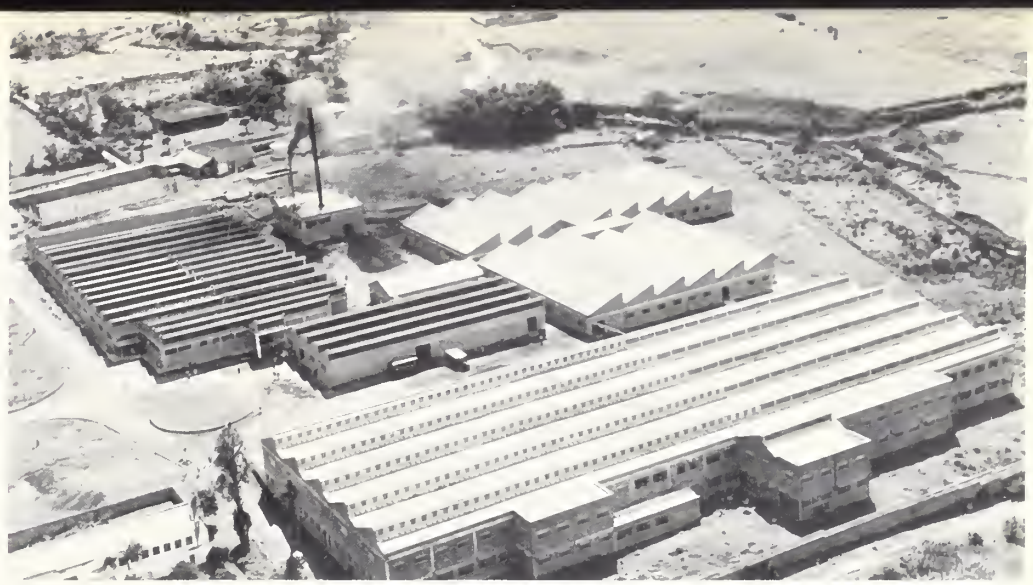


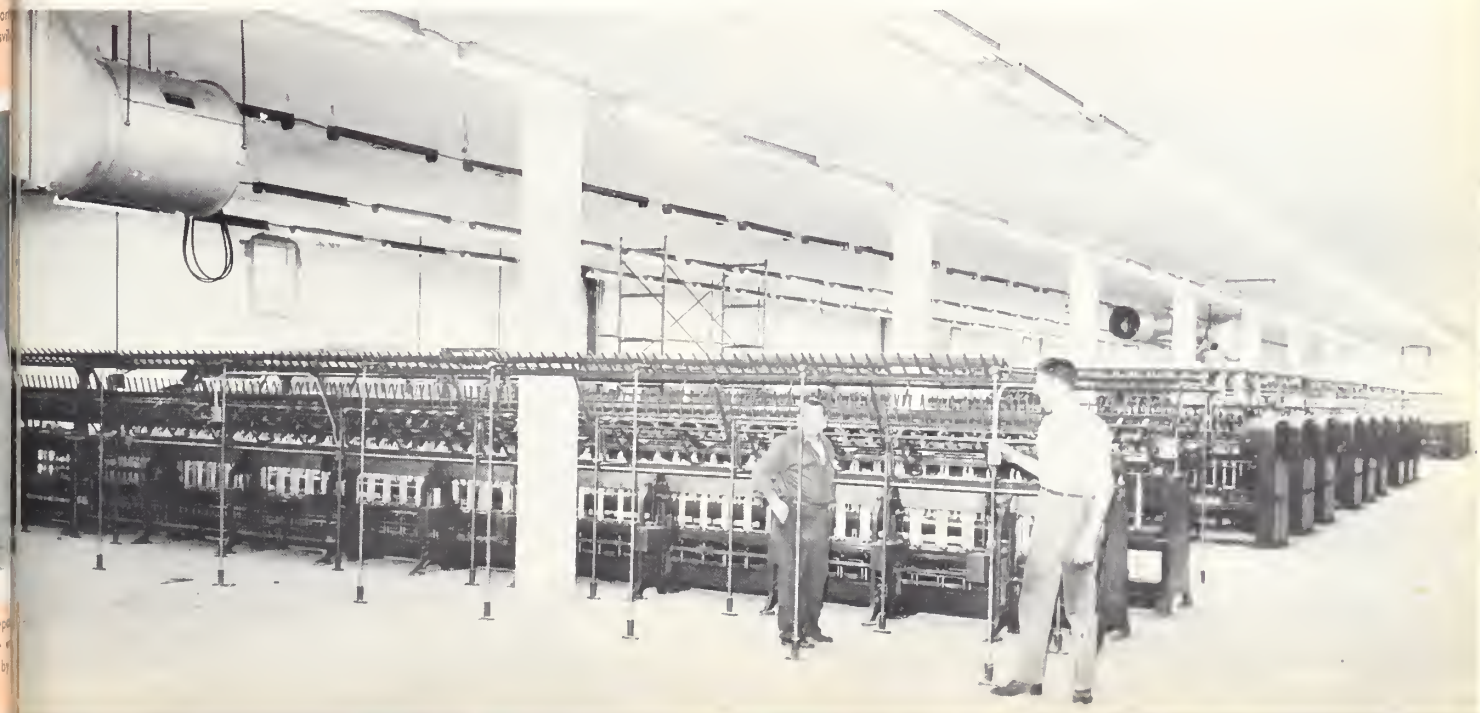
Colombia

THE GEM OF THE ANDES

High in the Andes Mountains of South merica a story is unfolding which in many ways parallels ie industrial history of our own country. There, in a nd rich in natural resources, a combination of intelligent ard-working people and progressive management is aising the standard of living of an entire nation.

Our spotlight is focused on Belen, a suburb of the city of Medellin, where is located the modern textile plant of Panos Vicuna Santa Fé. This wool and worsted mill, one of the largest and most efficiently operated in Colombia, is managed by the three talented Uribe brothers—Don Diego, Don Hernan, and Don Humberto.

vo Whitin erectors, Harry Antorian, left, and Elmer Faris, right, are shown with the American System Roving Frames and F5 Spinning Frames at the mill in Belen, a burb of the city of Medellin. The employees of this mill work an eight hour day, 6 days a week, and recently were put on an incentive system. Progressive executives such as the Uribe brothers are contributing greatly to the rapid development of Colombio



Colombia

THE GEM OF THE ANDE

Known to five countries as The Liberator, Simon Bolivar, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, freed Colombia from Spain in 1819 and went on to free Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru, and Bolivia. This is but one of many statues raised in his honor

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Supervision of the mill is the responsibility of Superintendent Albert Valez. Senor Valez is a textile school graduate and has visited leading textile mills in the United States and other foreign countries.

This mill, using only the best raw materials, produces grades of woolen and worsted cloth that would be considered excellent even by our own standards. The production of cloth for men's wear and women's wear, blanketing, carpet material, and ponchos is sold entirely in the Colombian domestic market. In an effort to improve still further the quality of its product, the plant, after shopping the world markets, recently purchased new Whitin Spinning Frames, Twisters, Roving Frames, and a Tape Condenser.

These machines, during recent months, were erected by Harry Antorian, Edmund Leduke, and (from the Charlotte office) Elmer Faris. Operating under unfavorable conditions before the humidifiers were installed, the Whitin machines on their initial tests produced a yarn superior to that which the mill had been using.

Our erectors reported that the mill personnel were most cooperative and, with the Colombian's desire and ability to learn rapidly, the installation was completed in record time.

Only during the last few decades, through the use of modern manufacturing methods, have textiles been mass produced in South America. Continually striving to increase the productivity and quality of their textile products, several representatives of the Vicuna Mill have made the long trip to visit our Research Division, t finest research laboratory in the world for the scienti study of fiber processing on preparatory machinery.

Ivan Amaya, a representative of the Vicuna Mi recently returned to Colombia after spending seve weeks studying our latest blending techniques.

This mill, erected in 1946, employs from 900 to 10 persons, 65 per cent of whom are women. Many of t employees are former agricultural workers who we attracted to the mill by the higher wages.

The land itself is both rich and beautiful. Like o own state of California, the climate varies from sno capped peaks to warm lowlands. In Antioquia, wh Medellin is located, the climate is always temperate, average of 70 degrees. Rolling mountain country cut the rivers Magdelena and Cauca, the land is rich w emeralds, gold, silver, and petroleum. Its farms yi over a million sacks of coffee annually in addition cotton, bananas, citrus fruits, tobacco, sugar cane, co beans, rice and other agricultural products.

Medellin is a charming composite of the old and new. While the city is modern in many respects, custom of hanging orchids in trees is still a comm practice. The population of Medellin is 345,860 and tl are a friendly, happy people of mixed national origins

We are pleased to know that we are contributing the growth of Colombia's new industries and to th promise of increased prosperity and happiness for people of Colombia.

At the end of the day's work, Whitin erector Edmund Leduke relaxes in a patio. Ed was amazed to see beautiful orchids hanging on every shade tree and surprised that the evenings were cool enough for one to wear woolens

Two employees of Vicuna are shown outside the worsted division of the plant. On the left is Louis Torres, head mechanic, and on the right is Ivan Amaya, who recently was studying blending techniques in our Research Division

his is the home of Mill Superintendent Albert Velez. Note the autiful shade trees, the paved streets, and the electric lights

Above: The Vicuna store sign may be seen on the right hand side of the Avenue La Playa, the principal thoroughfare of the city of Medellin. Many United States and European makes of cars are used in Calambia

e Hotel Nutibara in Medellin is, according to our erectors, "Out orld." It is operated on the American plan with rooms costing from $10 and meals from $1 to $2. Yes, it has a swimming pool

Below: A great variety of fruit is sold both wholesale and retail in the fruit market in the Plaza de Mercado

While Calambians enjoy many sparts, the national pastime is watching ts. Here the warld's best bull fighter, Luis Miguel Daminguin, age 23, dart in the bull befare a crowd of 12,000 spectatars. A risky business, eceives between ten and fifteen thausand dollars for an afternaon's work. The admission ranges from $2 to $12

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A JOB IS WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT

How important is your job? . . . It is told that in ancient Greece, some politicians decided to downgrade one of their number, and so got him appointed Public Scavenger. But he fooled them. He set out to show one and all what could be done with such a humble assignment. He wiped out unsanitary conditions, promoted civic cleanliness, stimulated civic pride. It turned out, after a few years, that the post of Public Scavenger became one of considerable honor and responsibility—sought by the best of men.

A job is what you put into it.

FRONT COVER: Among the hundreds of Whitinsville children who marched bravely back to school last month were these youngsters from Hill Street. Pictured in the crosswalk to the West End School are Tamson West, Stephen Russell, Gary Balsom, and Beth Amiro. The auxiliary police officer on duty is Dermott Devlin.

Whitin Personality

GEORGE E. HARTLEY, Supervisor of Routing, is one who always has had keen interest in athletics both as a participant and as a spectator. Althoug George is no longer actively engaged in athletics, one of his favorite summ pastimes is watching the Little Leaguers play baseball. These games rec to George's mind the days when he played in the outfield for Whitin in bo the Industrial League and the Blackstone Valley League in the peri 1920–1928.

George, who has worked for Whitin for over thirty years, was born Pawtuxet, Rhode Island, on June 29, 1901. His parents moved to Linwo when he was five. After attending local schools, "Red," as he was th called, worked in the Linwood mill before beginning a toolmaker apprenti ship at Taft Pierce. Later he worked for two years for Brown & Shar then came to the Whitin Machine Works. His continuous service w interrupted in the 1920's when for a season he played ball in the Mai League.

At Whitin he worked in a number of departments including the Me Pattern Job, the Bolster Job, the Tool Job, and Master List. Duri World War II he was foreman of the Magneto Job. After the war he work with Albert Brouwer on setting up the routing section.

George and Mrs. Hartley, the former Elizabeth McCrea of Whitinsvil were married in 1929. They have two children, 21-year old Edward who is in the United States Armed Forces, and 9-year old Janet. Th home is at 16 Woodland Street although they also have a four-room cotta on the shore at Jerusalem, Rhode Island. George is rather proud that t cottage, which he built himself, came through last year's hurricanes u damaged. The cottages of his neighbors were demolished.

George is also interested in music. At the United Presbyterian Chur where he is an elder, he sings in the choir and is chairman of the mu committee. He also is a member of Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

While George is rather partial to the Red Sox, he prefers to follow t fortunes of individual ball players. In his opinion the two outstandi players of the day are Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams.

WHITIN . . .

A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION 1927–1936

CHAPTER X

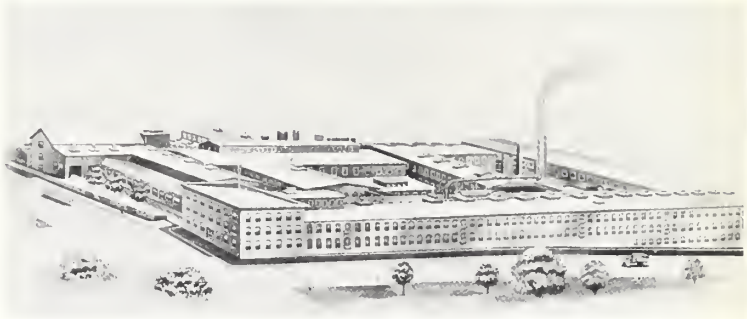
Seen in retrospect, the "Depression" was for the Whitin Machine Works both a calamity and a blessing. No one doubts that the "Depression" affected severely the Plant, the Town, and its people. Yet, while our principal competitor retrenched by restricting its line of products, Whitin diversified.

WHILE a depression in textiles had begun in 1923, Whitin, thanks to the astute management of Mr. Swift, had on hand nearly five million dollars in 1927. Other businesses under less able managers entered the stock market; Whitin used its funds to search for additional customers, to maintain dividends, and, most important of all, to carry on the development of new products. Time established the wisdom of these policies.

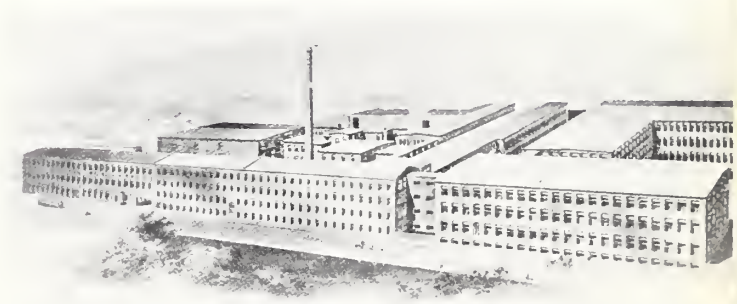
Historically, Whitin had been a manufacturer of cotton machinery. This important fiber was of prime importance to Whitin also during this period, and new markets were sought for cotton processing machinery. For example, the first completely Whitin-equipped mill in South America, that of Said e Hijos, was erected in Bolivia in 1927–1928. Of special importance during this era was the agreement with the Spanish inventor, Fernando Casablancas, leading to the development of two-apron high-draft spinning and roving.

But while Whitin was making such major advances in the cotton textile industry, it did not neglect other fibers. As early as 1887 Whitin had built a worsted frame. Since 1910 Whitin had built worsted cone roving frames of Providence Machine Company design. By 1915 Whitin was the country's largest manufacturer of asbestos processing preparatory machines. For several years during this period the Company had "spent much of its energy and financial strength on the development of new products—always judiciously and nearly always effectively. . . . Almost every conceivable type of fiber was considered—wool, worsted, silk, rayon, asbestos, ramie, even pig's bristles and twisted paper." By 1932 forty per cent of the firm's income came from types of equipment Whitin had not built in pre-Depression days.

Mr. Swift had noted that even the various branches of the textile industry were differently affected by rising and falling markets. A decline in the demand for cotton machinery might take place at the same time when there would be an increased demand for machines to process other types of fibers. To help effect greater diversification within the textile machinery field Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, who was trained particularly in wool and rayon manufactures and who was head of the Cotton Waste department, swung the department's center of gravity to the manufacture of woolen machinery. In this he had Mr. Swift's full confidence and support.



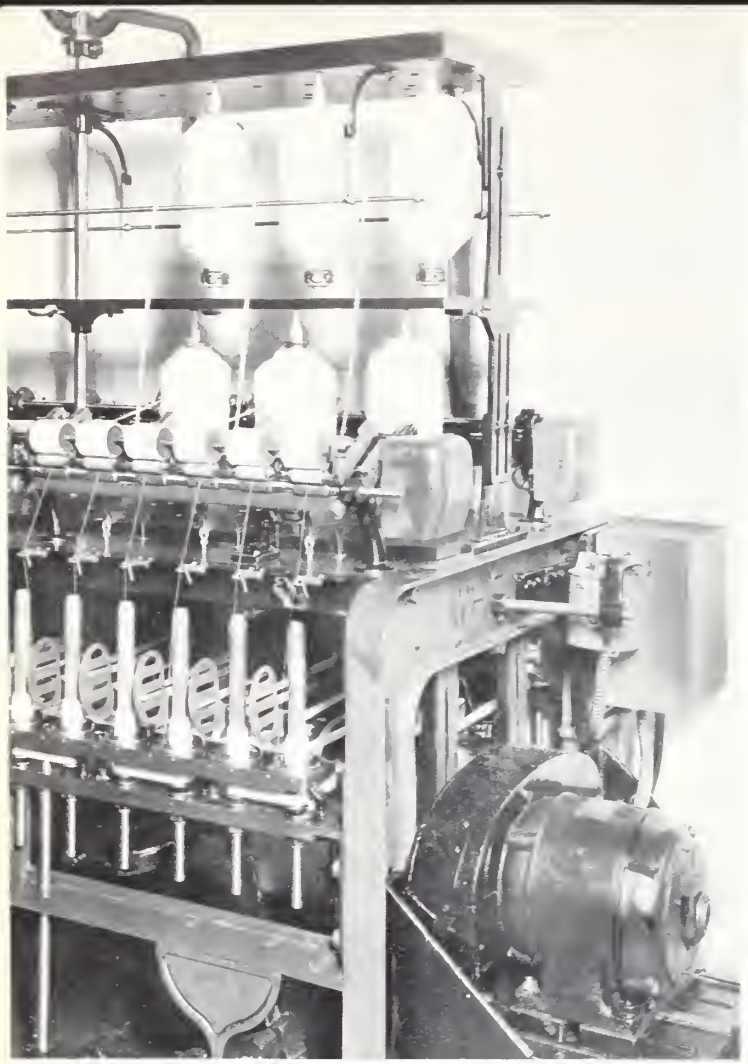
Whitin developed its world-famous line of textile preparatory machinery both by creating its own designs and by purchasing other firms which manufactured excellent products. In 1930 Whitin purchased the Pawtucket firm of Foles & Jenks, famed for its twisters



While negotiating for Foles & Jenks, plans were completed for acquiring the Woonsocket Machine & Press plant located in Woonsocket. This firm was most widely known for the excellence of its roving frames

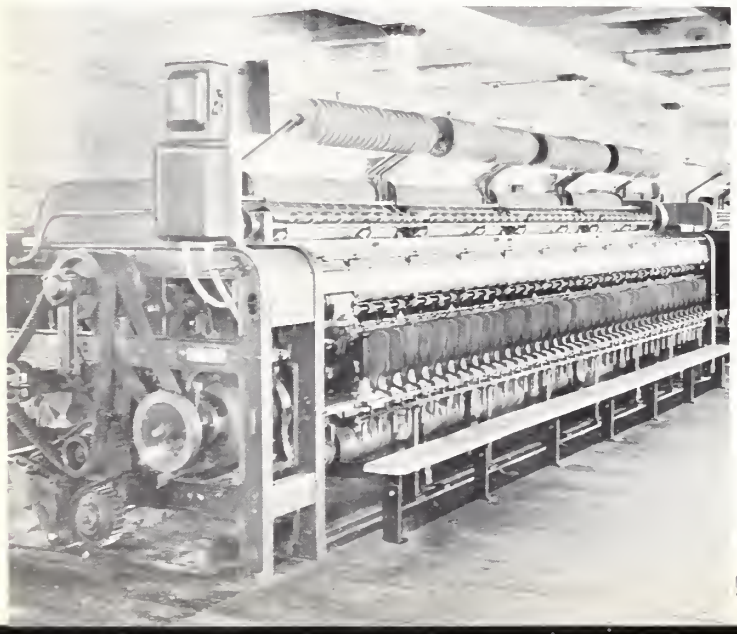
In 1927 Whitin bought the Cashiko Machine Company, thus securing both a wool card and valuable contacts in the woolen industry. By 1928, the worst year in the cotton industry, the woolen industry was prosperous, and Whitin sold $482,179 worth of wool machinery. Because Whitin during this period became the first company ever to make practical the ring spinning of wool, the Company, by 1933, became the largest manufacturer in the country of woolen preparatory machines.

At the same time Whitin won domination of the rayon twister market. In 1929 Industrial Rayon requested Whitin to build a special order of uptwisters for viscose-



Above: One of the most important developments at Whitin during this period was the utilization of high-drafting. This was applied to both roving and spinning frames and had a profound effect on the technology of the textile industry. The trade marks LONG-DRAFT and SUPER-DRAFT were adopted by the Company to describe this type of drafting equipment

Below: Whitin has an unchallengeable claim to being the first company ever to make practical the ring spinning of wool. By 1933 Whitin was the largest manufacturer of wool preparatory equipment in the country. Shown is the Model A Wool Frame



A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (continued)

type rayon. This was followed in 1932 by an order from DuPont for downtwisters for acetate-type rayon, an order destined to have great subsequent importance. It gave Whitin an opportunity to demonstrate its precision workmanship and quality to DuPont. Later years were to bring tremendous orders for Whitin Twisters and other machines to process many DuPont fibers. During this time many mills began processing rayon staple on Whitin cotton-type frames.

Concurrent with these developments came another Whitin contribution to the worsted industry. A stationary ring rail made it practical to process worsted by ring spinning. Some new machines were built embodying this new principle. Perhaps more important, however was the conversion of Bradford System Frames from cap spinning to ring spinning. Later it was demonstrated that also French-type frames could be converted to ring spinning. Thus the worsted industry found it profitable to modernize with Whitin. At this time Whitin was offering the benefits also of large package spinning and the one-process picker.

These efforts by Whitin softened somewhat the effects of the "Depression" upon Whitinsville, and the community was relatively better off than other towns in the Blackstone Valley. It should be recalled that after World War I the Company had begun a gradual cutback of the work forces (by not replacing those who left it employ). Therefore, in the period 1927–1930, the Shop had stabilized its work force at about 1800 in the summer and at about 2000 in the winter.

In 1930, a century after Alvin Fales and David Jenks had developed a spooler, J. Richmond Fales approached Whitin with the offer of sale of both Fales & Jenks and of Woonsocket Machine & Press, Inc. The Woonsocket firm had manufactured roving frames since 1868. On December 16, 1930, for $1,000,000 Whitin bought the real estate, buildings, machine tools and inventories of both firms. The principal manufacturers of textile preparatory machines were reduced to three: Whitin, Saco–Lowell, and H & B American Machine Co.

But in spite of all that Mr. Swift and the Shop could do, times became grim in Whitinsville. In 1931–32 most of the Shop was on a seven-hour three-day week. While wages were lower, rents were slashed (after reduction of rentals, a five-room house rented for $6.38 a *month*). Several hundred Whitin employees cut free wood in the Shop forests, chopping about a thousand cords to provide fuel during the winter months. The low point came in May and June of 1932 when at last the Shop was forced to lay off all men who had some other means of subsistence or who had no dependents. By July of that year the Shop employed only about 1100 men—the lowest number since 1898. Fortunately, by the following March, Whitin began a rapid recovery and its order

books were fuller than they had been in two years. In June, 1932, the Company opened a repair shop in Charlotte with three men and fifteen machines. This complement grew to fifty-three men and fifty-eight machines. Yet, in spite of these efforts, the Company operations, as late as 1935 and 1936, were not profitable.

During these years many things happened to the Town. The weather, for example, was "typical" for Massachusetts. A cloudburst flooded the Plant cellar on November 3, 1927, and a torrential river flooded the same cellar on March 19, 1936. On August 7, 1931, "hail as large as marbles" pelted the Town. In '31, '34, and '35 there were particularly heavy snowstorms whose effects were keenly felt because the Town and Company did not then possess the kind of snow removal machinery now commonly seen on metropolitan streets during the winter.

There were continued civic improvements. The Town records show that the Town not only maintained but added to the system of sidewalks, street lights, sewerage lines, the number of oiled streets and bridges. Substantial sums were voted for the preservation of trees, for the care of parks, for the library, for dental clinics, and for the control of contagious diseases. The Town put in a water distribution system and bought the Linwood ball park. The Town appropriated, as its share, $63,420 for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital.

In particular, attention was paid to the needs of the schools. Heating plants were installed in many of the schools. In 1934 an addition was made to the Junior High School at a cost of $100,000.

It is doubtful if Betsy Fletcher Whitin would have approved of some of the changes. For example, in 1928 Northbridge voted on the repeal of the 18th amendment, and of the 3439 voters, 1524 were women. Of those voting, 1416 were for repeal, 1397 were against repeal, and 626 didn't care and deposited blank ballots. In 1933, following repeal, 1291 citizens voted for beer licenses and 566 against. Beer licenses were issued to thirteen different people in Town. On August 12, 1933, Joe Champigny began selling 5-cent beer at Quabbin Corner.

When fire leveled the above Congregational Church at Northbridge Center on February 12, 1932, the oldest church in the town was destroyed, for it had been erected in 1835. In 1935, a century later, it was reconstructed

Politically the Town continued to show its independence. In 1928 and in 1932 the Town cast a majority of votes for Hoover and Curtis; in 1936 a majority voted for Roosevelt and Garner. In 1928 it again rejected sports on the Lord's Day. Yet, in 1934, the Town approved hard liquor licenses, beer licenses, and pari mutuel betting on horse and dog races in the county.

One set of statistics perhaps best gives the picture of the changing pattern of life in Whitinsville. In 1928 the Town had voted $18,000 "for the support of the poor." By 1931 this term had disappeared, and the Town was voting sums for "public welfare": in 1931 $72,000; in 1932 $74,500; in 1933 $70,000; in 1934 $66,500; in 1935 $89,000; and in 1936 $80,000. These appropriations did not include the rising allotments for soldiers' relief nor other appropriations for local support of National Programs such as CWA, ERA, WPA, and PWA.

Above: In men's sports basketball was second only to baseball. This group are the 1930–1931 Worcester County champions. From the left: Francis Crawford, James Houghton, Captain William Graham, Arthur Broadhurst, and William Hayes. Second row, from the left: Coach Earl Spencer, Albert Perry, Harold Johnston, Gordon McGuinness, Raymond Sullivan, and Manager Harley Keeler

Left: Swimming was the leading women's sport, and a combination of excellent coaching, a fine pool, and outstanding talent made it possible for Whitinsville to dominate New England swimming circles. Pictured are the members of the New England championship relay team 1925–1929. Individually they held so many New England, national and world's records that to list them would require a great amount of space. From the left: Joan McSheehy, Louise Stimpson, Margaret McSheehy, Claire Walker, Barbara Greenwood

(Excerpts from the "Worcester Telegram" courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society)

SIDELIGHTS

On the Life and Times of 1927–1936

Dog Scores In Ball Game When He Bites Player

East Douglas Wins Comedy of Errors When It Beats Whitinsville by Score of 13 to 7

EAST DOUGLAS, Aug. 10.—East Douglas defeated its old time rival, Whitinsville, this afternoon on Schuster field in one of the greatest baseball comedy's of the year, the final count was 13-7.

The game contributed a number of unusual incidents, the two outstanding being the home run clout of Si Greenburg, sensational star first sacker of the locals. Si hit the pill to deep center, by far the greatest clout seen on this field. Owner Schuster measured the distance of the clout following the game the ball landing a distance of 460 feet from home plate before hitting the ground.

Capt. Harry Kearnan of the visitors, who was playing the outer garden in chasing the ball ran into a kennel where he was pounced upon by one of the hounds, the dog getting Harry by the right leg at the knee. He quickly shook the dog's hold and freed himself. Trainer Scott of the home team dressed the wound while the game was held up for a 10-minute period.

N. E. RECOVERING TEXTILE MILLS

Lieut. Gov. Connolly, R. I. Says South Is Losing Its Lure

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—James C. Connolly, lieutenant governor of Rhode Island, in an address tonight said the South no longer held any threat for the textile industry of New England which he predicted would win the trade in its entirety in the next decade.

"The South which for some time threatened to mark the slow extermination of textile New England, can no longer hold a threat for us, for there is a general tendency to return to the fold," he said at the Fifth annual dinner of the Rhode Island society of New York at the Hotel Astor. "New York the heart of the business world, is close enough to New England to be the re center for marketing the finished products of our mills."

"Scarface Al" Capone Must Serve Year for Toting Gun

PHILADELPHIA, July 1 (AP)—The effort of Alphonse "Scareface Al" Capone, Chicago gangland leader, serving a year's sentence in the county prison for toting a loaded pistol in Philadelphia, to have himself released on bail pending an appeal for a reversal of sentence or new trial, failed in the State Superior court today. Argument on the appeal itself will come before the full court in October, as the court has fixed tomorrow for its adjournment for the summer.

Judges William B. Linn and Jesse E. B. Cunningham, of the Superior court, next to the highest tribunal in Pennsylvania, heard argument on an application for a writ of supersedeas which, had it been granted, would have permitted the release of Capone on bail at once.

The filing of the writ and the appeal followed the refusal of Judge John E. Walsh, of the Criminal division of the Municipal court, last Saturday to grant a writ of error to reverse the sentence or grant a new trial.

It was Judge Walsh who, on May 17, accepted Capone's plea of guilty and gave him the maximum sentence of one year along with Frank Cline, Capone's bodyguard and also known as a Chicago gangster. Capone's application for freedom does not include Cline.

In the application for the writ of error it was alleged by Capone's counsel that the Chicago gangster was "railroaded" to jail, that he was not given sufficient time to prepare his case; that the crowd in the court room was hostile; that the judge himself was prejudiced against the defendant and that Capone was coerced into pleading guilty.

The Single Dial

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Fada 16 table model in velveteen finish cabinet, for use with Fada dynamic or magnetic speaker, has same features as the 32.

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GHT MARINES IE IN AMBUSH IN NICARAGUA

urgents Attack U. S. Patrol at Work on Telephone Line

GHT VALIANTLY

ole Detachment Killed r Wounded in Two-Hour Battle

NAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 1 (AP) urgents attacking from ambush eight United States Marines wounded two in a skirmish be- Ocotal and Apali yesterday ing. The wounded were brought by airplane today.

orts to the marine barracks said ttack was led by Miguel Ortes. tenant of Agustino Sandino, the gent leader. Eleven of the ene- were killed and at least four ded.

marine patrol, under Sergt. Ar- M. Pairing, was at work on a one line recently put out of e when the attack came. They p a valiant fight, taking advan- of such cover as offered itself. o hours until the whole detach- was either killed or wounded.

HEELER TALKS TH MELLON ON OISON LIQUOR

ees That Use of Fatal dulterants Should Be Discontinued

REDIENT FOUND

ASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (A. P.) discussion between Secretary n and Wayne B. Wheeler, of nti-Saloon league, on poison r today brought forth a reiter- from the treasury chief that overnment does not intend to ger the lives of drinkers in dulterations of industrial al-

Wheeler went to Mr. Mellon's to protest against the govern- s plan to abandon the denatur- f industrial alcohol with poisons event its passage into bootleg els.

RICKARD OFF TO SEE TUNNEY

Newspapermen Convinced Promoter Has Blanket Agreement With the Heavyweight Champion

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (A. P.)—ex Rickard left late today for St. ouis to "wrap up" Gene Tunney's irst match in defense of the world's eavyweight championship.

The promoter was accompanied by Billy Gibson, manager, and Dudley Field Malone, legal adviser of the champion, together with a score of newspapermen, most of them apparently convinced that Rickard's conference Thursday with Tunney will furnish the final flourish to negotiations already completed.

PYTHIAN PARTY WELL ATTENDED

Old-Fashioned Dancing Feature of Program at Whitinsville

WHITINSVILLE, Jan. 1.—About 100 couples attended the New Year's old-fashioned dancing party held tonight in Pythian hall, under the auspices of the Pythian associates. Music was furnished by John Heys and his orchestra.

The committee in charge was: James A. Brown, chairman; John Heye, Charles M. Stuart, Joseph Hetherington, Frederick A. Walker, Samuel Brown, Ernest M. Payson, Ernest P. Barnes, Robert Clarke, Jr., Arthur Wright, Frank E. Bates, James Jones Brenton L. Benner and Edward L. Brown.

STOCK LOSS IN BILLIONS

Havoc Wrought by Big Bear Market During Year 1930

CONTROVERSY ON SHORT SELLING

From High in 1929 to December 1, Drop Is $36,360,000,000

By GEORGE T. HUGHES

NEW YORK, (CPA)—Havoc wrought by the bear market of 1930 can be summarized statistically by figures covering swings in the market value of all the listed stocks on the New York exchange. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 1 this value dropped $11,400,000,000.

From the high point of the year in April to Dec. 1 the loss was 22,-$70,000,000.

From the high of the bull market of 1929 to the first of December, the drop was again in round numbers, $36,360,000,000.

MUST NOT ROLL 'EM OR USE LIPSTICKS

Girls at College of St. Elizabeth Also Must Not Wear Short Dresses Under Pain of Suspension

CONVENT STATION, N. J., Jan. 4 (A. P.)—Girls at the College of St. Elizabeth must refrain from rolling their stockings, wearing short skirts and using lip stick under pain of suspension from classes or possible expulsion, Sister Maria Jose, dean of the institution today informed parents of the students in a letter setting forth the regulations, which she declared had been in "almost universal disregard."

The regulations placed before the students last September, and called to the attention of the parents for the first time in the dean's letter, were:

1.—Stockings are not to be rolled.

2.—The use of lipsticks is prohibited.

3.—Skirts are not to be more than 13 or 15 inches from the ground, depending upon the height of the girl.

Charles A. Lindbergh become a symbol of courageous adventure to all Americans in 1927 when in the *Spirit of St. Louis* he became the first man to fly alone non-stop across the Atlantic. Nothing that happened later can diminish the glory of that achievement

The American Scene . . .

OUR NATION 1927–1936

No person who lived through the lean years which began with the stock market collapse in 1929 can ever think lightly of economic depressions. This period marks a great change in the United States for it has been said that "We backed into the depression with our eyes on the past. Halfway through we turned around and marched into the future."

NOW THAT the mists of time have softened the outlines of the nineteen-twenties, men and women may smile at the memory of those charming, crazy days when the radio was a thrilling novelty, and girls wore bobbed hair and knee-length skirts, and a trans-Atlantic flyer became world famous overnight. It was 1927, May 20 to be exact, when Charles A. Lindbergh lifted the wheels of the tiny monoplane *Spirit of St. Louis* from the runway of Roosevelt Field, Long Island to drop down 33 hours, 29 minutes, 30 seconds later 3610 miles away at Le Bourget air field, Paris. It was the year that the Marines went ashore in Nicaragua and China; the year of the great scandal involving Ruth Brown Snyder who, with the help of her paramour

Above: When Franklin Delano Roosevelt entered the White House, he settled down for a long stay. Elected in 1932, he was re-elected in '36, '40, and '44. He is shown returning with Mrs. Roosevelt from the rainy inauguration of January 20, 1937

Right: Known at various times as Hoover Dam and Boulder Dam, this 726 foot high, 1244 foot long concrete structure was built across the Colorado River in Arizona and New Mexico. Completed in 1936, it was the first of a series of great dams built with federal funds. Lake Mead behind it is the world's second largest reservoir and has a storage capacity of 31,142,000 acre feet

killed her husband. And the stock market went up and up.

In 1928 a fellow named Trotsky, who did not trust a man named Stalin, was exiled from Russia. It was the year of the first all-talking picture, "Lights of New York"; the year a hurricane killed 2500 in Florida; the year the dirigible *Graf Zeppelin* flew around the world. In the political arena, President Coolidge "did not choose to run." The Republican nominee, Herbert Hoover, defeated the Democratic candidate, Al Smith, by a vote of 21 million to 15 million. Smith, who had been a brilliant governor of New York, a lifetime city dweller of Irish Catholic ancestry, as a known "wet" and as a progressive, met with a chill reception in the South and West while doing well in the North and East. Hoover, Iowa-born farm boy who had become a millionaire mining engineer, a brilliant administrator, was perhaps the last president to be an exponent of "rugged individualism." As the two fought it out, the stock market went up and up.

At the beginning of 1929 there was little to indicate that the year was to be in any way unusual. Prohibition was a red-hot political issue. In Chicago the unrepentant O'Banion gang, despite the loss of their leader (among the 26 truckloads of flowers at Dion O'Banion's funeral was a basket labeled "from Al") continued to give Al Capone trouble. At the St. Valentine's Day massacre someone sprayed seven O'Banions with a Thompson submachine gun. There was a revolt in Mexico, not an uncommon occurrence in that era. The Papal State was re-established. The Kellogg-Briand Treaty went into effect. (Some day several Nazis were to be hanged for violating it.) And still the stock market went up.

The young men and women of the post-depression world may wonder that their elders recall with such gravity what happened next. Few men who lived through the Depression were unmarked by the experience. Though the years have passed, the event cannot be treated with levity.

During the preceding years there had been the development of holding companies into vast financial empires such as those of Insull and Van Sweringen. Such devices knit speculative values into the economic fabric of the nation in such a way that if values fell, company after company, bank after bank—and their depositors and employees—would be affected.

The time was ripe for disaster, and neither Herbert Hoover, who had entered the White House in March, nor any other man could do anything to stop it. The Standards Statistics index of common stocks had risen from an average of 100 in 1926 to the soaring height of 216. At a time when 60% of American families had incomes of less than $2000 a year, some three million people—housewives, ranchers, elevator boys, and clergymen among others—were dabbling in the stock market—and the bottom dropped out!

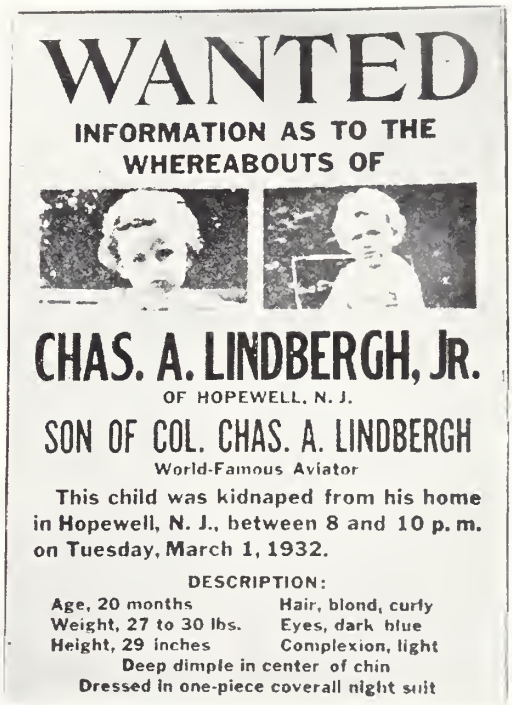
The break came on October 24. On the worst day,

Adolf Hitler appeared in the news many times between 1923, when the picture above was taken, and his suicide in April, 1945. One of the most hated men of all time, as Reichfuehrer he led Germany in World War II. Beside him is Julius Streicher who was hanged as a war criminal in Nuremberg Prison on October 15, 1946

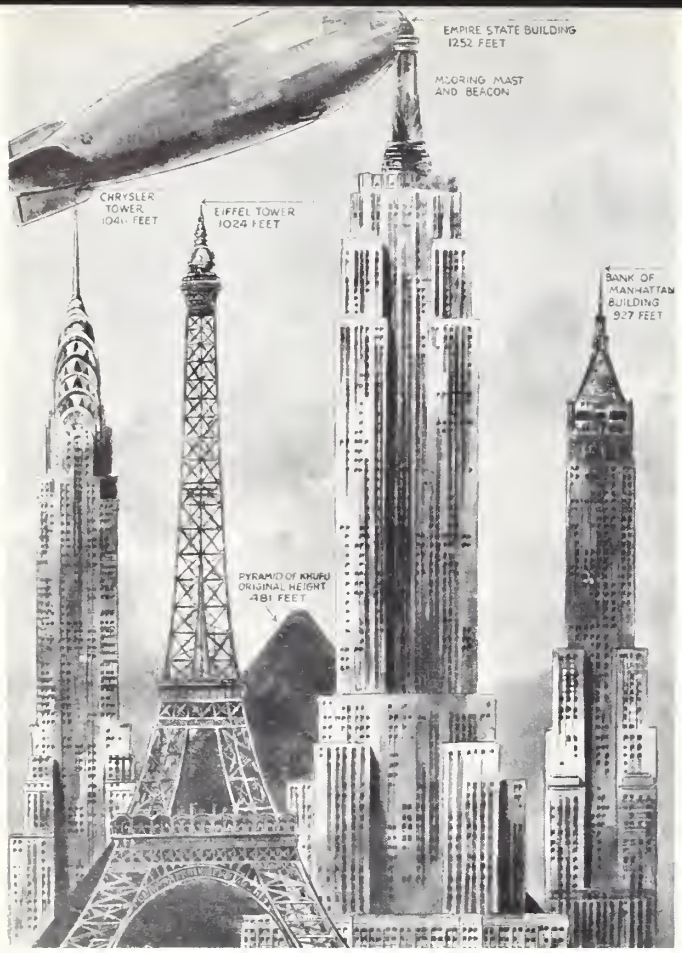
October 29, over sixteen million shares of stock were thrown on the market by frantic sellers. Not until November 13 was order restored. Thirty billion dollars in paper values had vanished into thin air. The Great Depression was on, and it lasted a long time.

Two and a half years later American industry was operating at less than half its 1929 volume at a net loss of over five billion dollars. Dividends were down 57%; cotton was less than five cents a pound; the total of wages paid had dropped 60%; twelve million Americans were unemployed. According to the Children's Bureau, 200,000 homeless children were drifting about the United States.

During the years between 1929 and 1933 there was a marked difference in women's styles (and, as the French-



In March, 1932, the infant son of the world-famous aviator was kidnaped and slain. The case focused public attention on kidnaping as a major crime and resulted in sterner laws. Bruno Hauptmonn went to the chair



Begun in the days of prosperity, the 1252 foot Empire State Building, still the world's tallest, was completed in the days of depression. Here its height is compared to that of other famous structures. It is so tall that it has been rammed by a B25 bomber

THE AMERICAN SCENE (continued)

man said, "Vive la difference!") By 1933, when Mae West was packing the motion-picture theatres in "She Done Him Wrong," *Vogue* had said "Spring styles say 'CURVES'!" and Formfit was advertising a new creation by calling attention to "the youthful lines it will give you." Skirts were longer; hats were surrealistic oddities; back came ruffles and bows; in came open-toed sandals. May a fascinated male say in general, women's styles became prettier, perter, gentler, and more whimsical? An elderly historian says, "In years to come it may be that one of the most charming recollections of the nineteen-thirties will be of hatless girls striding along like young blond goddesses, their hair tossing behind them."

Meanwhile, there were occasional grim reminders of what was going on overseas. Japan invaded Manchuria in 1931; Mussolini's Fascist Italy invaded Ethiopia in 1935; Hitler entered the Rhineland in 1936. We passed neutrality laws.

In 1933, after fourteen years of Prohibition, the 18th amendment was repealed, but the celebration was dry—due to insufficient liquor supplies. About this time came the five-day week. The average man turned to sports, such as softball, swimming, tennis, and skiing. John L. Lewis founded the C.I.O. (1935). It was the day of bank nights, chain letters, marathon dances, and candid cameras. In 1936, a King gave up his throne for the love of an American divorcee.

In the great arena of politics Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to the presidency in 1932 and re-elected in 1936. He felt that the country had nothing to fear but fear itself. It was his policy to have the government take an active role in business, in manufacturing, and in agriculture. He called it "priming the pump."

It was the New Deal—devaluation, crop control (AAA), government employment (CCC), relief (WPA), government ownership (TVA), easing of debt burdens (FHA), financial reforms, and the NRA. At the onset he had easy sailing, but by the end of the period some opposition to his philosophy was crystallizing. The national debt soared and reached previously unheard of heights.

Above: George Eastman and Thomas Edison demonstrated the first Kodak color motion-picture process in 1928

Below: And this, gentlemen, was the feminine ideal of 1929. This sweater advertisement appeared in *Vogue* in September, 1929, just before the stock market collapse

Promotions

Recently, eleven Whitin men were promoted to supervisory positions in the management of the Company. To each of these foremen and assistant foremen, who have stepped up in the ranks, we extend the congratulations of the Whitin Machine Works.

Robert H. Hopkins appointed Foreman of Department 424

John Stanovich appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 409

Ira Noroian appointed Foreman of Department 438

asquale A. DeBellis appointed Foreman of Department 432

Alvin J. Goyette appointed Foreman of Department 660

Stanley W. Krula appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 660

Everett Gospar appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 437

Matthew Krajewski appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 423

James W. Fisher appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 413

Levon Toosonian appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 427

James V. Connors appointed Assistant Foreman of Department 447

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kostka visited New Hampshire over the Labor Day week end. . . . The Henry Cants motored to Maine. . . . Harold Russell and family have moved into their new home on Douglas Street, Uxbridge. . . . "Spike" Smith has a '53 Ford. . . . Ed Perry is sporting a brand new, two-tone green, Dodge Sierra beachwagon. . . . Ray Gautreau and Al Toomey received their 10-year service pins and Herman Haagsma received his 15-year service pin from Mr. E. K. Swift, Jr. . . . Ed Perry should be very proud of his two sons. Richard was a recent graduate of Duke University and is now attending Boston University's School of Theology. Ed's oldest son, Robert, is an associate pastor of the Methodist Church in Melrose. He is beginning studies at Boston University which will lead him to a doctorate in theology. . . . Ray Cabana is on the sick list, as is "Louie" Rutana. Peter Regas, also on sick list, was in for a visit. It will still be a few weeks before he rejoins the crew. . . . We welcome Elaine Dupre to Research. She was transferred from the main plant. We also welcome Don Dion and Edward Danis to the Research Division. They are in for apprentice training.

Birthday greetings for the month of October are extended to Ed Perry and Al Meservey. Best wishes, and may they have many more. . . . Wedding anniversaries for this month are being celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Werth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mooradian, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Champagne, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nydam. We wish them all happy anniversaries. . . . We are sorry to see Jean Champagne leave the Research Department. We all wish her good luck at her new job for the sales department of the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation.

Personality-of-the-Month: Joe Laczynski was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. He lived in Millville for a period of time and attended Blackstone schools. Joe spent three years with the Navy in the Pacific. On his return to the States he married the former Shirley Frisk of Uxbridge. Joe came to the Whitin Machine Works in 1947. He had previously worked at Pratt Whitney. He attended the Rhode Island School of Design for six years. The Laczynski family now make their home in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. Joe's favorite sports are skiing, boating and golfing. He calls golfing his favorite pastime. Joe belongs to the Winnesuket Country Club. Around the plant Joe is very popular and easy to get along with.

SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

Walt Forsythe returned from his vacation in Arizona with many tales of the ancient cliff dwellings of the Indians, of the Indian reservations, and of the present day redmen. With his family Walt traveled a total of 6300 miles and went to Tucson over the 400-mile Apache Trail. . . . John Sulyma's wife Sophia is at home after undergoing a major operation. She is recuperating well under the care of John and their daughters. . . . Master Sergeant Ernest Brissette is off to Camp Drum for two weeks' training with the Rhode Island National Guard. . . . On his third week of vacation Foreman William Hartley visited his mother in Fall River. . . . When I saw Leo Turenne on August 23 at a practice of the Rhode Island Northern Fire League he asked about all the gang and asked me to pass along the word that

Donald A. Benson, son of Mrs. Ann Benson, production clerk on 410–432, recently celebrated his sixteenth birthday

he and his wife now have another baby girl Friends passing the North Smithfield Fire Station should drop in to say hello to Leo . . . When James Fox moved to Webster Burrillville lost a fine citizen and an outstanding football player. James played for the semi-pro Burrillville Mules last season, a team that met some of the finest teams in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. . . . Harold Wright has been bitten by the photography bug. I'm looking forward to seeing some of his work as he has taken to it like a duck to water . . . John Brezniak is back on days . . . Dick Porter always whistles when things go wrong at work. He has several tunes and we think it is a nice way of letting off steam. . . . Harmas Dion has traded for a 1956 Buick. . . . Vass Baker took his third week of vacation over Labor Day as did Arthur Chabot. . . . Arshag Karagosian, formerly 411 timekeeper, is now on 421 as an apprentice erector. Kerry's hobby is shooting woodchucks and he has become a crack shot with a 22 at ranges up to a hundred yards. He was in the Army for two years. . . . Hector Sauve really took off when he was stung by a bee. The injury was painful, for Hector's hand was

Twenty-one years after he began work on the Spinning Floor, Arthur Taylor retired on August 31. He received a purse of money from his associates

1956 GENERAL SALES CONFERENCE

During the last week of August, Whitin sales representatives and officials from Charlotte, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., Spartanburg, S. C., Greensboro, N. C., and Dexter, Maine, gathered for a series of conferences in Whitinsville. Through the medium of this annual event the Whitin sales organization is kept abreast of new developments in product, sales, and technology

swollen to twice its normal size. . . . On a poor day for fishing, Mike Swiszcz was having poor luck at Point Judith. With the help of a friend, by skin diving we managed to get him a few tautog. It cost me an injured leg plus a few patches on my suit. . . . George Leland is now driving a 1947 Chevrolet and Merrill True a 1953 Mercury.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Cora Barsamian, who is the only member of the fairer sex on the Paint Job, is our personality for this month. Cora, who graduated from Northbridge High School in 1943 and was recently awarded her ten-year service pin, is a very active young woman. A southpaw, she is one of the top women bowlers in these parts. She bowls locally and in the Central Massachusetts Women's League. Baseballwise, she is a staunch Yankee rooter. Active in the Trinity Episcopal Church, she is president of the Women's Guild, a member of the choir, and a Sunday School teacher.

Department 413 got its bowling league's second season underway on September 21 with the following men on the rosters: Yankees—Tony Petrillo, Capt., Sal Saccoccio, Russ Rosborough, John Rumonoski, Lucien Paulhus; Pirates—Claude Bolduc, Capt., Frank Gucfa, Don Dion, John Halacy, Oscar Kronberg; Tigers—Bobby Campo, Capt., Ray Malley, Jim Gibbons, Allan McCrea, Jim Fisher; Dodgers—Eddie Horan, Capt., Dorsey Devlin, Rudy Sufenska, Jack Morrison, and Marc Bolduc. . . . Bobby Campo is again league president and Dorsey Devlin is secretary.

Paint Job Drippings: Robert Cote has recently joined the Paint Job crew. Bob, who is only nineteen, was married at seventeen and has one child. . . . Henry Kelley has been promoted to supervisor. . . . George Braman spent his third vacation week at Hampton Beach. . . . Ross and Christine Rajotte celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary on September 15. . . . Louis Mercure has returned after a fifteen-day tour of duty with the Rhode Island State Guard. . . . Bob Rondeau is back to work after three weeks' illness.

MAINTENANCE OFFICE, STEAM FITTING, PLUMBING, STRUCTURAL IRON AND SHEET METAL

by Frank Visgatis

Ed Sadowski is nearing the completion of his new home in South Uxbridge. . . . Nick Prestera had a bumper crop of tomatoes this year. . . . Burnham Cook toured Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia by automobile, covering a total distance of 2,361.3 miles. . . . Miss Lee St. Sauveur vacationed in New Hampshire. . . . George DeBoer spent three weeks visiting relatives and friends in Denver, Colorado and New Mexico. . . . John Jesson has been trying himself as a carpenter, and for a while carried a few minor bumps and bruises to prove it. . . . Lorraine Brousseau enjoyed her vacation at home, sipping tea. . . . Ray Blanchard has exhibited an outward affection for brightly-hued hats these past few weeks. . . . Henry Zajac's leisure time is spent studying crickets. . . . Shorty Greenwood traveled to upstate New York one recent week end and enjoyed some good fishing. . . . Mike Bikes is waiting anxiously for hunting season to re-open—better luck this year Mike!

Cora Barsamian, Paint Job personality, is the only member of the fair sex in the department

We welcome three new members this month to the Sheet Metal Department: John O'Neill and Carl Goranson who came to us from Department 413 and Ed Vadenais who formerly worked on the Box Job.

Well, another summer has slipped by and all of us are still of sound limb and structure. Bear in mind the fact that safety is first. Don't jeopardize a life of happiness for a moment's carelessness.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

This month's personality on the first shift is Harry McQuade. Harry was born in Moosup, Connecticut, where he resided until the age of twelve. He then moved to Northbridge. At the age of fourteen, he went to work in the Riverdale Paper Mill cutting paper, a job he held for four years. Harry then went to work on the Gleason Farm doing general farm work. In 1921 he came to work for Whitin Machine Works in our department as a shaver operator.

George Charpentier, Department 411 second shift personality, is shown with Mrs. Charpentier. His hobby is repairing motors

Harry McQuade, Department 411 first shift personality, raises and trains horses as a hobby

Lanny Goodwin, 21-year old son of Harlan Goodwin of the Tool Job, is playing with the I Corp champions in the Korean tournament. Lanny acquired his skill by playing softball at the Whitin Gym

Harry is well known throughout the Shop. In 1923, Harry married the former Mildred Mongeon. Harry has two sons, Raymond and Harry, Jr. Anytime there is a horse show in the vicinity, Harry is sure to be there as he is very much interested in horses and at one time owned five riding horses. He has raised and trained a number of others. Harry has won prizes at the Grafton horse show. He is also a very good dancer, as anyone from our department can testify, after being in his company at a number of parties. He is a member of the "Foresters" and belongs to the Sheriff's Posse. Harry even sang a solo with "Peanuts" Johnson's Soap Savers one night in Upton. Whenever a good time is to be had, you can be sure that Harry will be there.

Our personality on the second shift is George Charpentier. George was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island in 1929. He received his education in the Woonsocket schools. In 1948 he came to work for Whitin on the Bolster Job. He later enlisted in the Army and received his training at Camp Roberts in California, where he became a member of the Military Police. He was then stationed at Yuma, Arizona. In 1953, George was discharged and returned to Whitin to work on the Ring Job. From there he was transferred back to the Bolster Job. In 1955, George was transferred to our department and has worked up to a turret operator—a job which he now holds. George is married to the former Rita Gromdin, and they are the proud parents of one son, Paul, who was born in August of this year. When not helping his wife around the house, George likes to pull motors apart and repair them. He also enjoys fishing, and his favorite sport is hockey.

On August 25 a group of forty men from the Shop attended a baseball game in Boston. There were six fellows from our department in this group—"Peanuts" Johnson, Dave Gray, Al Sunn, Larry Kane, Herb Hammond, and Sal Tumolo. From what we hear tell, it must have been a pretty exciting day for all! On the way down the bus caught on fire. Those Red Sox fans must have been red-hot! In any case the fire engines had to be called to put the fire out. Well, anyway, they did get to the game finally. After the game, the fellows split up to go to different places. Some of the fellows got lost and had trouble getting back to the bus to come home. They didn't arrive back in Whitinsville until 3:00 A.M.

It's nice to see John Demers and Phil Remillard back with us once again after their recent illnesses. Ken McMahon and Chet McQuilken are now on the sick list. Hope they will be back with us soon. . . . Now that the bowling leagues have started once again, Mary Asadoorian is kept pretty busy on Wednesday nights. . . . The Good Time Golf League had a poor day recently. Ordinarily they play their matches off on Monday night, but on this occasion it was Saturday afternoon. Maybe they just got used to playing at night! It's

As a hobby, Joseph A. Roy of Linwood and Department 410 fabricates, paints, and sells shrines

a good thing Norman Lightbown had his son, Allan along with him. It seems that on one occasion Norm got so angry that he threw his golf club and it landed in a tree. Allan had to climb the tree to get it down for him. . . . Gene Massey is offering to teach "Peanuts" Johnson the fundamentals of golf. After hitting a 60, he probably needs it. With the boys keeping a close watch on the strokes, maybe that 60 will come down. . . . Congratulations to Michael Celozzi who is now a proud grandfather.

In a recent copy of the SPINDLE your reporter gave a certain fellow on the job a kidding about running out of gasoline on the way to work. Let it now be known that said reporter did the same thing. . . . There are quite a few new faces around the job at this writing. Welcome to Arnold Murphy, Edward Trasavage, Edward Dawicki, Guido Giromini, Leo Rheaume, Victor Courteau, Robert Lamarche, Alphonse Meunier, and Llewellyn Lyman. . . . Happy Birthday to Mary Malhoit, Donald Laliberty, Robert Brodie, Reginald Bratt, Eugene Massey, Arthur Bourassa, George Kane, Philias Remillard, Ernest Arsenault, and Lois Heerdt. . . . Congratulations and best wishes to the following who are observing anniversaries this month: Herbert Baker, Alfred Belanger, Byron Heywood, Frank Howard, Fred Lafrancois, Anthony Stasz, Angelo Geruso, Carroll Gile, Merle Molasky and Bernard Boover. . . . Congratulations to Gerald Baker on receiving his twenty-year service pin.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

The best of luck to the boys who left to return to school. Allan Davidson enter Dean Academy; Robert C. Keeler, Teacher College; Lawrence Jackman, Worceste Tech. The best of luck to George Hender

son who joined the Navy. . . Congratulations and best wishes to Arthur Arpin who has been transferred to the Engineering Department. . . . Birthday greetings to Arthur Arpin, Henry Baker, Varkis Asadoorian, John E. Lemoine, Louis Yacino and Alvin Millette. . . . Ovila Brooks says it doesn't pay to leave a truck running when you aren't in it. Lucky there was a tree handy that stopped it. . . . The welcome mat this month goes out to Philippe L. Plasse who has joined Foundry Timekeeping. . . . Celebrating birthdays in October are Lee Higgins, John Julian and Robert Paul. . . . Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broadhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Gile, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levesque. . . . Jerry Turner, Russ Mowry, and Arthur Broadhurst have all taken their third week of vacation and, by all reports, they enjoyed it very much.

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

A ten-year service pin was presented to Aarne Nelson of Department 410 by John Wasiuk and Foreman Simon Bosma. Aarne celebrated the occasion by purchasing a brand new Ford. . . . New faces on 410 include William Shurick of Nasonville, Edward Dennett, Eugene Gervais, Willie Boileau and Raymond Parenteau. Not to be outdone, Department 432 has Joseph Corriveault and Ernest Provencal, both from Woonsocket. . . . A wedding anniversary was observed recently by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Aspinwall, their 32nd. . . . Birthday greetings to 432's genial timekeeper, Francis Finn. . . . At this writing, our friend and co-worker, Mike Yozura, is on sick leave. Let's hope by the time you read this line that he is back with us. . . . Rene F. Rock, Jr., son of R. F. Rock, Sr., 432's brake operator, has joined the U. S. Navy and is stationed at U. S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland. . . . Donald A. Benson, son of Ann Benson, production clerk on 410–432, recently celebrated his 16th birthday. . . . At Irene Mombourquette's house a dual birthday party was held for Charles, 12 years old and Joan 15. . . . Harold Kelliher, 410 planner, held his annual 39th birthday party the other day during lunch hour period. Next year Harold will be 39 again. . . . Seen in the Knights of Columbus Day Parade held in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, none other than 432's smiling welder, Paul Grenier, Sr. He looked fine decked out in the white gloves, top hat and tails.

Four of a kind. Shown are 9-year old Richard, 7-year old David, 6-year old Eloine, and 3-year old Judith, the children of Henry Duquette of Department 422

Personalities-of-the-Month: We introduce Ronald Bibeault of 432 who was born on July 11, 1907, in Woonsocket. Ronald attended Providence Street School. Miss Corinne St. George became Mrs. Bibeault on June 1, 1935. The ceremony was performed at St. Ann's Church, Woonsocket. Two children, Donald, 13, and Constance, 11, fill the family picture. Some thirteen months ago, Mr. Bibeault joined W.M.W. on 406 and shortly thereafter transferred to 432 as radial drill operator. Ronald is a member of the Woonsocket Civil Defense Auxiliary Police. His car is a Pontiac. He likes the Red Sox and does painting of home interiors and exteriors as a paying hobby. Ronald lives at 212 Burnside Avenue, Woonsocket.

Next man on the totem pole is cheerful Alfred "C for Charles" Briggs of 410 who lives on Central Turnpike, Sutton. He was born on May 20, 1902, and attended grammar school in Sutton. In 1926, Miss Lillian Peters of Oxford decided to become Mrs. Briggs. It was on July 31 of that year that they were married in Oxford, Massachusetts. The five children in the family album are Bertha (now Mrs. Harry Wing), Alfred Jr., June (married to Walter Harris), Robert Edward, age 21, and John Henry, now 3 years old. Fred, as we call him, has been on the Cut Off Job for sixteen years shipping and receiving stocks. The family's auto is a Chevy. His favorite hobby is fishing. A second hobby is building and selling of auto trailers. His plans for the future include building his own home. Good luck Fred, hope you make it.

TIN CYLINDERS

by Wilbur Baird

We welcome a new member of Department 450, Harvey Charpentier of Manville, Rhode Island. . . . Ray Prince has charge of the packing for Department 451. . . . Emil Roy has been transferred to Department 450 as a packer. . . . Ernie Riedle and Mrs. Riedle have passed the first year of married life.

Edward Jones of Department 450 caught these bluefish off Chothom on Lobar Day

Linda Jones, doughter of Edward Jones of Department 450, greets her very first day of school

Two hundred fifty friends and relatives attended the surprise party held for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cupka on September 8 in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary

1956 NORTHBRIDGE INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE ALL STARS

Back row, from the left: Floyd Gudanowski, Brawns Manager; Billy Vierstra, Charlie Plante, John Roche, Dick Lartie, Charlie Peix, Danald Gosselin, Tom Woodcom Walter Convent, Haward Vandersea, Ken Arakelian, Armand Gagnon, Phillies Manager. Front raw, fram the left: Charles Malkasian, Braves Manager; Dennis Fee Philip O'Neill, Dicky Feen, Dennis Sughrue, Peter Haggerty, Garry Maynard, Jim Leonard, Bruce Davidson, John Swart, Leo Mahoney, William Prior, Cubs Manage

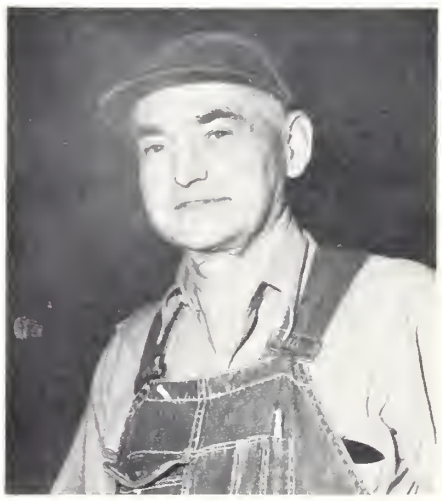
Thought for the day—Your mind is a sacred temple which nothing can enter without your permission.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality-of-the-Month: Louis Laferriere was born in Armagh, P. Q., Canada on April 20, 1893. While he was still a child his family moved to Anthony, Rhode Island, where he attended the local public schools. After graduating he took a job in the Coventry Company in Anthony. He served with the United States Army in the Medical Corps from 1918 to 1919. While in the service he was in France, Belgium and England. He was discharged from Camp Upton, New York, then went back to Canada to marry Aimee Bilodeau in St. Damien in 1923. They moved to Norwalk, Connecticut in 1925 where he worked for Erskine Danford Company, a furniture factory, until the crash came and he was forced to seek work elsewhere. In 1929 he moved to Farnumsville and came to work at W.M.W. on the packing job where he has been ever since. He now owns his house at 802 Hill Street where he has a garden that he enjoys working in. He also enjoys playing cribbage and checkers.

Congratulations to Alexander Potty upon receiving his 15-year pin, to Louis A. Vermette, Leo J. Cote, Alyre Labrecque and Herman Arnold upon receiving their 10-year pins, and to John McQuade upon receiving his five-year pin. . . . The office girls took Deanna Santoro out for dinner to celebrate her entering Burdett College in Boston. . . . At this writing, Leo R. Gauthier is attending evening classes in Bryant College in Providence. Leo was awarded a one-year scholarship to Bryant College to study traffic management. This was awarded him by the Traffic Club of the Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce. . . . We welcome Alice Crawford who is working in Del Duhamel's office and Norman Hamelin of the parcel post section. . . . We received word from Ralph Ward that he is coming along nicely and thanks everyone who sent him cards and get-well messages. He should be back to work in a few weeks. . . . On their 25th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pouliot were given a surprise party at the home of their daughter Jeannette in Millville.



Lauis Laferriere, Traffic Department persanality of the month, enjoys cribbage and checkers

YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Members of Maintenance who returne from vacations last month included: Jo Prendergast who spent his vacation at h cottage at the Cape; Chick Farrand vac tioned at Webster Lake and was one of th first to arrive at a fire which burned dow two cottages; Chester Roaf, who spent h vacation in Florida, says Florida certainl loves that green stuff—money that i Leon Todd toured the Adirondacks an visited Buffalo; Rene Remillard and Arth Pellerin vacationed together at Sorel an Montreal; Charles Commons spent tw weeks at Camp Drum, New Jersey; M Pulnik was at White Plains and O Orchard; Alex St. Germaine went to Canad It was New York for Johnnie Grock George Forand travelled to Quebec; Jac Collins was at Falmouth, Cape Cod; Jo Rogers and Tony Furno took lessons fro Francis Ward on how to catch the big on at the local ponds; Rudy Vallee took in couple of ball games at New York.

CARD CYLINDERS AND SMALL PARTS

by Dorica Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Whalen celebrat their eighth wedding anniversary. Mr. a Mrs. Eugene Kurowski celebrated th fourteenth wedding anniversary. Co gratulations. . . . We welcome Raymo Gould to Department 422. We hope th he will like it with us. . . . It's nice have Lawrence Duhamel back with again. Lawrence was out on sick leav and now he looks wonderful. . . . Birt day greetings to Charles Vear, Titus Ebb ling, and Eugene Kurowski.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Although most people have had their vacations, some still like to take week ends to renew acquaintances made during the summer. Ben and Jim Scott and their wives visited their favorite spot in New Hampshire; Ernest and Mrs. Pickup drove their new Plymouth to Attleboro; Dennis and Mrs. Cournoyer again visited Canada. Arthur Peters, a former employee, visited relations in Linwood and wanted to be remembered to all his former co-workers. Pete is employed in New York. . . . Henry Ebbeling visited the department last month. He is retired and lives in his new home at Grand Rapids, Michigan. . . . John Walker recently purchased a new Ford. . . . Carol Messier, our timekeeper, has been transferred to Department 422. Roland Beaudoin is Carol's replacement. . . . Herman Haringa has purchased the Benner house on Quabbin Hill and expects to reside there soon. . . . Glad to see Bob Gellatly back to work after a long absence. Bob shattered his kneecap in a fall at his home.

Retired men who recently visited us include Fred Langlois and Hugh Brown. . . . After a Union meeting Ray Woodhome walked home forgetting his car was parked on Church Street. . . . After parading from downtown to Vail Field, Color Guard Harry Cornell has decided that marching would be less of an effort if he didn't weigh so much. He has decided to discontinue eating snacks in between meals.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

Al Sutcliffe enjoyed another week in Canada. His July vacation was such a success he returned to the scene for more of the same. . . . Ray Fullerton's son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren have returned to Maryland after spending a week with him. . . . Joe Fenner's sister Dorothy has returned to California by plane after spending a week here with Joe and his family. . . . Joe Chenette made another trip to Canada, this time to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law.

Joe Fenner flew to Kentucky where his father has been hospitalized with two broken legs in a Veterans' Hospital. Joe Fenner, Sr., had been attending a convention of Spanish War Veterans when he was hit by a car driven by an unlicensed operator. . . . The Dino Vetris are sporting a new Oldsmobile. . . . Congratulations this month to Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson who celebrate another wedding anniversary, and to Robert Shaw who has a birthday this month. . . . The Nelson Bartletts are settled in the new home which they recently completed on Chestnut Street in Hillville.

WHITIN MACHINE WORKS BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of September 12, 1956

Team Standing	Won	Lost
1. Apprentices	7	1
2. Freight Office	5	3
3. Office	5	3
4. Electricians	4	4
5. Planer Job	4	4
6. Roll Job	4	4
7. Master List	3	5
8. Production	3	5
9. Spinning	3	5
10. Repair Office	2	6

High Team Total (5 Men)

1. Planer Job	1547
2. Apprentices	1450
3. Repair Office	1446

High Team Single (5 Men)

1. Planer Job	533
2. Electricians	523
3. Repair Office	516

High Individual Triple

1. T. Queenan	364
2. J. Steele	329
3. P. Rae	326

High Individual Single

1. T. Queenan	131
2. V. Gervais	129
3. A. Fitzgerald	127

High Individual Average

1. T. Queenan	113.
2. L. Duso	106.7
3. J. Steele	105.8

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

We welcome Don Henry, a new apprentice pattern maker. . . . Harry Kearnan vacationed at Bar Harbor. . . . Due to an operation, Vic Mathurin is out at this writing. . . . At the moment, Joe Prior claims that Mickey Mantle will capture the triple crown. . . . A supervisor's appointment in this department went to Art Bokoski, formerly of the Tool Job. Art was born in Bellingham and has served his time as an apprentice. He has been here ten years. Art is married to the former Sophie Minor of Douglas. They have a daughter Christine, age six, and live at Plummers Park East. We wish him success in his new field. . . . Henry Forget and Joe Prior are attempting to persuade Bob Caston to join them on their November hunting trip. Bob says that there isn't enough life insurance sold to allow him to take such a chance.

Mrs. Josiah Lasell and her companion Miss Aime Rawe narrowly escaped death when Mrs. Lasell's Hill Street home became a blazing inferno at 3:30 a.m., September 17. They were rescued from the smoke filled living quarters on the second floor by Whitinsville firemen. Although no estimate has been made of the damage, it was found that the second and third floors were almost completely destroyed and the first floor received heavy damage from water and smoke. The fire was of undetermined origin

This six-room cottage at Newport, R. I., is the handiwork of Patsy DeGregorio of Department 423. Patsy did all the work, from cellar to shingles, in 1947–1948.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Marcel Pouliot and A. Frueh

The fishing season is drawing to a close and the stories are getting bigger and better. When Leo Mullen goes fishing with John Malley he includes a steel helmet as part of his regular equipment. . . . We've heard of people getting seasick, but it is rare that a man gets that way even before the boat leaves the dock. Recently, on a fishing trip to Rockport that happened. While Henry Nelson, Titus Ebbeling, and Bill Smith were on the dock waiting for the boat to depart the group noticed one of their members turning a lovely shade of green. . . . There are now two brothers on the job, one on days, the other on the second shift. We wonder if Jacques will hold the "oscar" as many times as John has.

Pete Babowitch should be very proud of his son Joseph. We know that everyone else is. Just recently Pete's son, Joey, was one of four boys who teamed up to rescue a grandmother and her granddaughter from drowning at Pratt's Pond which is located near Pete's home. Pete's son by the way is no professional lifeguard for he is only eleven years old.

There are a lot of new faces around lately and we welcome them all. They are June LeBlanc, George Landry, Paul Masse, Jacques Drainville, Rita Ferry, and William Gaffney. Also Maurice Bibeault, Stanley Lisak, Rene Racicot, Armand Fournier, and Martha Jorritsma.

TOP ROLL DEPARTMENT

by Louis Bergeron

It's back to school for Jim Piper and Jim Rice who are now attending the Worcester School of Business Science. . . . Vic McKenna has been transferred to Department 418. . . . A welcome is extended to Nesdor Diponski and Edward R. Bowers. . . . The newlyweds, Arthur and Irene Lapierre, spent their honeymoon in New York and Washington, D.C. The couple reside at Lucille Street in Woonsocket.

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Due to lack of work we've lost four men—Norman Choiniere, Paul Sweck and Jack Young by lay-off and Ed Vadenais as a transfer to the Sheet Metal Department. We wish them all the best of luck. . . . Ralph Nolet is the only member of the department who is bowling this year. He is on the Spinning team. . . . Two more of the men have acquired new cars—Chillo Lariviere a 1949 Buick and Ralph Nolet a 1950 Buick station wagon. . . . Joe Labrecque took a trip to Montreal over the Labor Day week end and enjoyed it very much. . . . October birthday greetings go to Benny Oles and anniversary greetings to Joe and Mrs. Labrecque and to Al and Mrs. Blanchette. . . . The local Auxiliary Police are currently enjoying their new rifle range near Prentice Corner. They've been having matches with the Douglas Auxiliary—results not for publication.

Joseph P. Babowitch, 11-year old son of Pete Babowitch of Department 423, was one of four boys who teamed up to save a grandmother and granddaughter from drowning in Pratt's Pond

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

With the arrival of September with its cool mornings and nights, those of us who enjoy the national pastime of baseball start thinking of the coming World Series, and that brings to mind the New York Yankees who make a habit of winning. That in turn automatically brings to mind the Yankee fan of our department, Raymond Duhamel, who is our personality for this month.

Raymond started at Whitin's on November 11, 1947, in Department 412. He worked there as a punch press operator until October, 1950, when he was transferred to Department 489 as an inspector. At the present time he is the floor inspector of Department 416. He was born on Chester Street in Nasonville, R. I. and attended St. Louis Parochial School, and Mt. St. Charles Academy where he was a member of the hockey team. On May 30, 1952, he was married to Claire Arel of Woonsocket. At present they make their home at 161 Winthrop Street in Woonsocket, R. I. with their two daughters Susan Marie and Jane Louise. Raymond served two years with the Air Forces in Japan. He is a great lover of baseball and hockey, and played softball for our department's team in the Shop League until he fractured his ankle. His nights and week ends are spent helping in his father's store on Park Avenue. As far as hobbies are concerned we would guess his favorite pastime is sitting out the noon hour with other members of the Rail Birds talking over the fortunes of his favorite team, the New York Yankees.

Anyone in Department 416 wishing a ride in a brand new Dodge should contact Mr. Ernest Mason of the crib. . . . Welcome back to William Fitzpatrick after a long sick leave. . . . Welcome also to the following men who joined us in September: Aime Deslauriers, Joseph Cullen, Samuel Lombardo from Department 41[illegible] and Raymond Duquette back from service and formerly of Department 482. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bouchard who celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on September 19.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

All the boxing matches are not on T.V. A rat invaded the Stanley's cellar recently. Norm set a trap which only dazed the rat. Having nothing handier than his fist at the moment, Norm let him have a right to the head. Result: fatal knockout in round one. . . . The tomatoes are really in season. Can't make up my mind as to whose are the best. Received samples from Ray Valente, Frank Greene, Andy Hoekstra, and a lone one from Butch Surowiec. . . . Ray Valente sent Butch a truck full of quahogs from Cape Cod. Trouble was they were on a post card!

Another candle on the birthday cake for the following: Hector Chase, Alex Kieronski, Frank Greene, Bob Hopkins, Charlie Machoian, Andy Hoekstra and your reporter. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chaffee who are celebrating their 21st this month. . . . We received cards from Marion, our former inspector who is now Mrs. Tom Keegan. She and Tom honeymooned at Lake George and Niagara Falls and are now living in East Hartford, Connecticut. . . . Pat Kelley spent a recent week end in Vermont. . . . Ken Hudson vacationed at Block Island and Mike Zylstra spent his third week at Grand Rapids, Michigan. . . . Congratulations to Henry Kelley, our former painter who has been promoted to supervisor at 452. . . . Ken Prior returned from various spots in Europe with many interesting coins and stamps. Ken is one of W.M.W.'s roadmen. . . . Time to put the bathing suits back in the trunk. Let's see, how many weeks 'til vacation?

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Daniel Brennan served on the September session of Civil Court as a juror. Incidentally, the beautiful shiner Dan sported for a week was the result of a bee sting. . . . Kenneth Guertin had the misfortune of having his dogs get into the kitchen where they ate a roast of beef as well as the sandwiches he had made for his lunch the next day. . . . Congratulations to James McGuigan on his promotion to the Methods Department. . . . Gerrit Oppewall heard strange noises in the middle of the night and, upon investigating, he found a cow scratching her back on the clapboards of the house. . . . Alvin Bosma a sailor on the U.S.S. "Forrestal," and son of Richard Bosma and a former employee on the Ring Job, won $300 in a Lucky Buck Contest in Virginia. . . . Fred Gammon and Harvey Departie ate Joe Christy's supper, thinking it was a lunch left by Phil Skillen who had gone to Boston to a ball game.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

After one of the Red Sox-Cleveland games a bus load of Whitinsville fans failed to connect with Route 9 at Kenmore Square and so arrived home at about 3 a.m. recently. In the group were Carl Johnson, Sid Frieswyk, Al Blanchette, and Joe Witek. . . . Bill Malley tangled with a hornet's nest while mowing hay. He was taken to Milford Hospital but he is o.k. again. . . . My apologies to those with August birthdays which were omitted on account of "lack of space." Best wishes to you, however, and to Al Blanchette, Ed Morel, and Ed Marier. Best wishes also to Vasil Shola, who will be voyaging on the sea of matrimony when you read this. . . . Jim Gusney, Al Brothers and Joe Witek left Rockport to do some deep-sea fishing. The sea was very rough and most of the fishermen, except Joe and Jim, were indisposed. . . . Ed Marier's daughter, Claudette, age 12, won first prize in Woonsocket in the Singer Sewing Machine Annual Dress Making Contest, Junior Division. . . . The eighteen-inch rainbow caught by Sid Frieswyk was the largest fish taken when Riley's Pond was reopened.

MYSTERY PHOTO. On the left is Gordon Boutilier of Master List. On the right is one who should be recognized by employees of the Ring Job

BOLSTER JOB

by C. Kheboian

Just to prove the Bolster Job isn't dead, this columnist decided to write a column in spite of the lack of help from the department employees.

We welcome the following new men to our department; Arthur Dupre, Art Silba, Ernest Poxon, George Hurteau, Joseph Lemoine, Ernest Descoteaux, Joe Duso, John Lambert, Paul Ducharme, Alley Mohamed, Jr., Kenneth Roy, Al Forgit, Sr., Richard Gerber, John Griffith, Valmore Dube, Edward Trinque, Jim Gorman, Rene Beauregard. . . . At this writing, Job Cournoyer is ill in the hospital and Clem LaFlash is out sick. We wish them both a speedy recovery. We are happy to see the return of John Gjeltema after a long illness.

Since the last column was written the Bolster Job Baseball Club has attended a couple of ball games and we are happy to say a good time was had by all. The meals at Chicken Pete's were very good and the service excellent.

We are glad to see Frank Machacz and Armand Grenier back with us on the day shift . . . Richard Baker, Jr., son of our job supervisor Dick Baker, has been named to the dean's list for the past semester at the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston.

When Leo Gauthier became a regular member of the Northbridge Police Department on September 5, his fellow workers in Department 458 wished him success in his new job and gave him a pen and pencil set. Foreman Bill Barber made the presentation

ROLL AND BRUSH JOB

by Louise Sohigian

Richard Powers, grandson of Edyth Casey, recently completed a course in languages at Yale University. He is in the U. S. Air Force and recently was sent to Korea. Edyth attended the graduation exercises. . . . Happy anniversaries to Helen Vincent and Anita Bilodeau. . . . Birthday candles were lighted this month for Eva Such and Bella Smith.

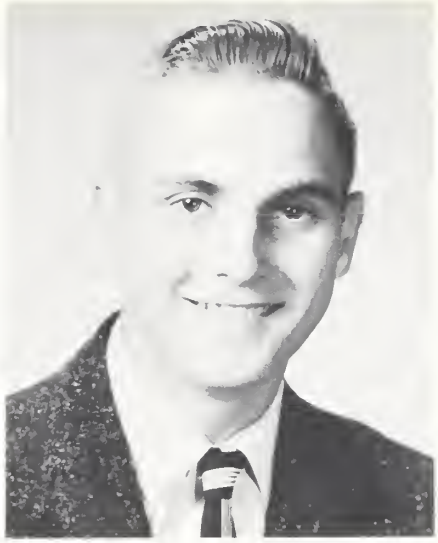
MACHINE ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL COMPUTATION, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Machine Accounting: The Worcester Chapter of the National Machine Accountants Association held a meeting at the Worcester Airport, September 12. Those in attendance from W.M.W. were Howard Cook, Ernie Chase, Frank Widor and Bob Courchene. A smorgasbord, plus an interesting topic "Punch Card Yardstick" by William Nebe, Systems Supervisor of Ernst & Ernst, Boston, made an enjoyable evening. . . . Ruth Kellaher vacationed at Lake George. . . . Birthday greetings for September to Muriel Romasco and Nancy Trainor. . . . A shower for Jean Buczynski was held at the Progressive Club, North Uxbridge, September 16.

Payroll Computation: Ann Sprott's daughter Sonia is now a full counselor in the Girl Scouts, having completed her two-year course at Camp Hoffman, West Kingston, R. I. . . . Fay Goggins' two children have started school; Jackie is in the first grade and Debbie has enrolled in kindergarten. . . . We welcome Betsy Aldrich, who formerly worked in Worcester, to this division. . . . Rosalie Lent visited Beacon, New York, over the Labor Day week-end. . . . Virginia Wood enjoyed her two-week September vacation in Quebec.

The Works Accounting Division's annual steak cook-out at the Whitin Fish & Game Club saw these "skilleteers" in action. From the left: Bob English, Pauline Reynolds, Ted Froh, Jim Shaw, Brad Brawn, Shirley McNamara, Pauline Hagan, Frank Widor, and John Shaw



Seventeen-year old Ernest C. Adams, whose father Ernest works on the Tool Job and whose mother Inez works on 429, has enlisted in the Navy. He will be trained in electronics

Statements: The girls in Works Accounting honored Helen Sitnik at The Meadows in Framingham on August 30. . . . Joan Sughrue has transferred to this division from Payroll. . . . Gus Ayotte returned from his vacation in Detroit.

Budgets: Jim Burke has moved into the newly located Whitin Business Equipment office at the Blue Eagle.

Timekeeping: Emily Quigley's husband, Matt, has recently been elected vice-president of the Uxbridge Little League Association for 1957.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jake Sohigian

Alfred Jacobs and Elphege Morin received their 20-year pins. Congratulations. . . . On the first day of his vacation, Mike Powers was seen sleeping in his car, parked in front of the Shop during noon hour. . . . Alfred Jacobs washes dishes at Aunt Mary's in his spare time. . . . Bob Rondeau was out sick one week. . . . I wonder why Vic St. Andre wears his white shoes to work every Monday? . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Baker on their thirtieth anniversary. . . . William Taylor, our inspector, has left to resume his studies at Brown University where he is taking up law. . . . Cynthia Steele, our office clerk, has left to enter Westfield Teachers College. . . . Dorothy Hanley, who has worked here before, will replace Cynthia. . . . Arthur Bedard is out sick and we hope to see him back real soon. . . . George Colt has been out for some time. It is our sincere hope that he rejoins us soon. . . . The 429 Softball Team was the 1956 play-off champions of the W.M.W. Industrial League, a team the department can be proud of. Congratulations to members and managers on their great showing.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

It is a pleasure to have as our personality this month Helen (Mooradian) Dagirmanjian. Helen was born in Providence, but came to Whitinsville at a very early age. She was educated in the local schools, was an outstanding student, and graduated from Northbridge High School with top honors. Helen has many interests: bowling, basketball, softball, and reading. She is especially interested in graphology and is unusually adept at it. She is married to Zaven Dagirmanjian who is a teacher in the Douglas Elementary School system and they have an eight-year old son, "Bud," a third grade student. Of course "Bud" is their main interest. Helen possesses a wonderful sense of humor and is well known for her completely calm and unruffled manner. In fact, we have yet to see her when she was not smiling and not willing to be helpful. The Dagirmanjians own their own home on "B" Street in Whitinsville and devote a great deal of time to it. Helen is a stores control analyst working almost exclusively with Dupont work. She has been employed in the office since 1948.

Our congratulations to the following personnel who were recently awarded service pins: Fifteen-year pins to Louis Mayerson and Clarence VanDyke, ten-year pins to Marge Newton, Rene Lisak and Dick Mombourquette, and five-year pins to Norman Girard and Edward Lynch. . . . The Bowling League is again underway. The Production Department will be represented this year by Andy Magill, Jack Gilchrist, Al Matte, Mike Ezzo, Bill Ryan, and George Rodgers. They dropped their first match but came right back in the second to take three points. This is a pretty good team if they get their good strings together a little bit more often than they have the last two years. In fact, with a little luck this could be the team this year. Let's hope so. Andy Magill is manager and reports that they mean business this season. . . . The Master Route Section's "Good Time Club" had its most recent outing at the El Morocco in Johnston, Rhode Island. A most enjoyable evening we are told. These gals really get around. It brings to mind one question: As these girls have patronized some of the very best eating establishments

When the steaks were served, both the membe and their guests dug in at the Works Accountin Division cook-out

Emil Zywien of Tool Design caught this 90-lb. tuna off Chatham after a battle of an hour and twenty-five minutes

in this vicinity, we wonder if they have acquired the knack of being good cooks? (Husbands, please note.)

Production Department Notes. Our congratulations to Pauline and Bob Demaris upon the occasion of their fourth anniversary on August 29. . . . Hector and Rose Chausse went to Niagara Falls over the Labor Day week end; Hector says he recommends the trip as very interesting. . . . Dave Picard, Jr. is back to work after being hospitalized for some time. . . . That beautiful diamond you see Frances Gonsorcik wearing is from Florian Jolda of Webster. . . . The Sid Smiths have moved into their new home in Hollywood Gardens in North Grafton. . . . Jim Bernard, Sr., is mighty proud of Jim, Jr., for winning the club championship of the Whitinsville Country Club. Jim, Jr., defeated Doug Carr 3 and 2 on Saturday, September 8. . . . A hearty welcome to Edith Jardine who has recently come to work in the Master Route Section.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

by Carol Corron

Anniversary wishes this month to Edna L'Esperance, Lucille Buma, Bob McKaig, and Ray Adams. . . . A former employee of this department, Alice Bloem, was married recently in Boston. A number of the girls in the department attended the wedding. . . . Eleven members of the Processing section of our department have found a new way to spend their leisure time. They have organized a knitting class and plan to meet every Monday night. . . . Some of the girls in the office enjoyed another hay ride. Hay rides and sleigh rides are getting to be annual affairs. . . . Edna L'Esperance enjoyed a week's vacation in the Berkshire Mountains.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

First I think it only fitting to welcome back Leo Petrie and Frank Martin. Mr. Martin has just returned to us after being out since vacation. . . . We have a newcomer, John Watson, in our department. John is from Uxbridge, is married, has four children, and will celebrate his wedding anniversary this month. We hope he enjoys working with us and we know we will enjoy having him.

Al Capone's dog was hit by a car and died. Al now has a new dog called Lord Brandy the 4th, a puppy that gets into all kinds of mischief. . . . Lydia Hickey's son Lee, who graduated from high school last June, has left for Bainbridge, Maryland, for duty with the Navy. . . . Bill Neulieb has left to take a position in Connecticut. Emil Zywien will leave Arno Wagner's group to take a position with the Duplicator group. . . . Bob Bosma has left to take up his second year of studies at Worcester Tech. . . . Louis Belval, Charles Mateer, Jennie Polek, Roy Worthington, Emmet Martin and Harry Bedigian celebrate birthdays this month. . . . Happy wedding anniversary to Frank DeHaas and Mrs. DeHaas this month.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Bernice Darcy

The welcome mat is out this month to Jeanette Faris, Arthur Arpin, Arthur Richards, and Edward Jerominek. . . . Congratulations are in line for Johnny Thompson who got a spectacular 34 at the Edgewood golf course a few weeks back, and to Eddie Desjourdy who got a 69. Was that for 18 or 9 holes, Eddie? . . . Anne Briand thought there was something wrong with the lifts on her shoes, so she went to the cobblers to have them repaired. Well, much to her surprise, she had two different shoes on. It seems she will have to get up earlier mornings. . . . We bid farewell to Barbara Boucher who is leaving for household duties.

Our personality for this month is Hyke D. Markarian, better known to us as "Danny." He resides at 135½ Church Street, Whitinsville, Massachusetts. He graduated from Northbridge High School and has been at W.M.W. for three years. Danny was in the Naval Active Reserve for four years (1947–1951) and was in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. While in the armed Forces he attended the Chemical Warfare School, the Radio School in Japan, the Projectionist School and Radiological Monitor School in Okinawa, and the Rhode Island School of Design where he is now studying engineering mathematics and machine design. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and vice-president of the Armenian Youth Federation which is constantly combating communism. His hobbies include dancing, music, records, and collecting fifty-cent coins.

Lee Hickey, son of Lydia Hickey of Methods, has joined the Navy and is receiving training at Bainbridge

COST DEPARTMENT

by Dick Hanny and Pauline Hagan

As we burst into the fall season, we bid farewell to Helen Sitnik who has left our midst. The members of the office gave Helen a farewell party at Aunt Mary's and we all wish her good luck in her new job with the Grinell Corporation in Providence. . . . We welcome Margaret Crosby back to the fold. She has been working in Tabulating for a few months. . . . The annual election of officers to the Friendship Fund took place this month with Tom Altoonian being named president and Eve Lundberg returned for another year as secretary-treasurer. The new board of directors includes Paul Larosee, Gordon Curtis and Pauline Hagan. . . . Many of our group joined in the merriment when Ted Froh put on the annual steak cookout at the Whitin Fish & Game Club. Jim Shaw, Brad Brown, Shirley McNamara and Pauline Hagan helped the folks from Payroll, Tab, and Budgets to prepare the supper and a good time was enjoyed by all. John Shaw added the final enjoyable note to the evening by showing colored movies. . . . Bea Gauthier and her family enjoyed a few days' vacation visiting with relatives in the Pocono Mountains near the Finger Lake in New York. . . . The girls from the office gave Helen Sitnik a bridal shower at The Meadows in Framingham and presented her with an electric skillet. . . . Florence LeBeau has finally calmed down a bit after being frightened out of bed when her house was struck by lightning during a recent electrical storm. The bolt of lightning ripped through her cellar and struck the barn behind the house, burning it to the ground. Florence and her husband barely rescued their Studebaker from the side of the burning barn. . . . Bradley Brown spent his annual two weeks with his Boy Scout Troop at Treasure Valley in

Paxton. . . Peg Destrempes is burning up the road these days with the Chevy since she got her driver's license. . . . Jim and Jocelyn Shaw have moved into their new home on Beverly Avenue in North Uxbridge.

Dick Hanny's three-year-old daughter is home after undergoing an operation in the Memorial Hospital in Worcester. . . . We are all glad to see Howard Anderson back with us from his recent stay at Whitinsville Hospital. . . . We hope by now Larry Sarafian has recovered from his operation at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston and is back on the job again. Larry's disc-jockey friends have been putting in a good word for his first record with the "Vanguards" while he's been in the hospital.

Ken Crossman and his wife have returned from a vacation trip to Florida with relatives. . . . Peg and Al Destrempes and their family enjoyed a few days' trip to North Pole and Storyland in New York. . . . Tom Altoonian has made good use of the fine weather for deep-sea fishing. Many of his friends are still enjoying the rewards of his recent trips. . . . The girls in the office presented Florence Perry with a gift when she left for a short time to take up her duties as a housewife. . . . Eve Lundberg went to New York to see her mother off on the "Queen Elizabeth" for her return home to England after spending four months with Eve. A few of the girls gave her a bon voyage party at Ma Glockner's. . . . Ray Tebeau has returned from a vacation in Vermont. . . . Val Allega spent part of her vacation in New York City visiting with relatives. . . . Mary Swetnam is working with us for half a day now that she has enrolled in a teaching course at Clark University.

Birthdays: Pauline Hagan, Eve Lundberg, Lucien Horent, and Matthew Zywien. . . . Anniversaries: Leo and Rita Imondi, their 7th; Marshall and Gene Clark, their 7th; Mona and Herbert Paine, their 2nd.

Births

To Robert Gonynor, Department 401, and Mrs. Gonynor, a daughter, Veronica Ann, 8 lbs. 6 oz., at the Whitinsville Hospital, August 27.

To James F. Coyle and Mrs. Coyle, the former Jane Spratt, a daughter, Karen Jane, on August 23.

To Thomas Schotanus, Department 450, and Mrs. Schotanus, a son, weight 9 lbs.

To Ross Newton, Research Division, and Mrs. Newton, a son, Keith, on August 13.

To Marshall and Gene Clark, a daughter, Nancy Gene, weight 7 lbs. 8 oz., at Milford Hospital on September 5.

To Armand and Theresa Plouffe, a daughter, Estelle Marie, weight 5 lbs. 8 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on September 10.

To Leon Simmons, Department 454, and Mrs. Simmons, a son, born at Whitinsville Hospital on August 28.

To Raymond and Mrs. Duhamel of Department 416, a daughter, Jane Louise, born at Woonsocket Hospital, September 11.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

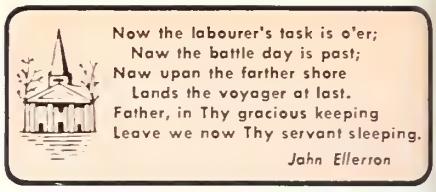
Irving Lightbown and Barbara Spratt were married in St. Patrick's Church on September 15. Friends tendered a prenuptial party for them at the Sokol Club, East Douglas, on August 25.

Carlton Round and Helen Situik, Department 462, were married in Saint Augustine's Church, Millville, on September 22.

Robert Legere of Fisherville and Jean Buczynski of Machine Accounting will be married in St. Patrick's Church on October 20.

Marc Bolduc, Department 413, and Gloria Majeau were married in St. Peter's Church, Northbridge, on September 15.

Richard Jette, Department 434, and Nancy Maynard of Millbury were married July 8 in the Church of the Assumption, Millbury



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Family and friends of Gerrit Dykstra, 55, who died at his home at 215 Linwood Avenue on August 25. A native of the Netherlands, he came to this country in 1911. Foreman of the Metal Pattern Shop, he had been employed by Whitin for 29 years.

Friends and survivors of Police Chief Peter Buma, 52, of 70 Plummer Park East, who died at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on September 12. A native of the Netherlands and for 47 years a Whitinsville resident, he served the community as a member of its police force for 20 years.

Barbara Greeno on the death of her father.

George Gigarjian on the death of his father.

Peter Strang on the death of his father.

Friends and survivors of Kenneth McCullough, 47, of Department 437, who died in North Smithfield on August 18.

Relatives and friends of William Schotanus, 49, former Whitin machinist and refrigeration service proprietor, who died September 1.

Survivors and friends of William A. Woodcock, 66, Foreman of Department 409, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on September 2. He had worked for the Whitin Machine Works for 25 years.

Friends and relatives of James R. Clarke, 68, of 29 May Avenue, Brockton, who died August 17. Prior to his retirement two years ago, he was for 45 years a member of the Production Department.

Friends and family of William Baird, 72, who died at the home of his son, William L. Baird, on Rivulet Street, North Uxbridge. Prior to his retirement, he was for thirty years Yard Foreman of the Whitin Machine Works.

Family and friends of Paul E. Desplechin 55, a Whitin employee who died at Woonsocket Hospital on September 12.

Friends and family of George J. Bourasse of Washington Street, Blackstone, who died September 10. He was employed in the Warehouse.

Survivors and friends of Charles Paine, 76 of 457 Church Street who died in Whitinsville Hospital.

Francis Olson, Department 416, on the death of his father Oscar Olson who died at New Sweden, Maine, on August 4.

JIMMY and BURRHEAD
BY DON CALLING
... AND THIS, MY FRIENDS, IS ONE OF THE DAYS TO EXERCISE YOUR INHERITED RIGHTS. OUR FOREFATHERS FOUGHT FOR---
I'VE PRACTICED UP GOOD. NOW IS THE TIME TO SWING INTO ACTION... AROUSE THE CITIZENRY
... NOT ONLY YOUR PRIVILEGE BUT YOUR BOUNDEN DUTY TO VOICE YOUR OPINION AT THE POLLS. LET IT NEVER BE SAID THAT YOU SHIRKED YOUR DUTY
STUFF LIKE THAT WILL WAKE 'EM UP
AH! HERE ARE MY FIRST CUSTOMERS. I'LL GO TO WORK ON 'EM
THE DECISION IS YOURS TO MAKE ... BUT MAKE IT... IN THE VOTING BOOTH... AND...
GOT ME SOLD
BURRHEAD'S GOING GREAT GUNS, ISN'T HE, JIMMY?
SURE IS
ANOTHER ONE. CAN'T LEAVE A STONE UNTURNED ON A DAY LIKE THIS
JUST ONE VOTE, YOURS, MAY BE THE DECIDING ONE! DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE! PULL THAT LEVER!!
I'VE ALREADY PULLED THAT LEVER, BUD. I KNOW MY RIGHTS AND WHEN TO USE 'EM
DON'T FORGET, GENTLEMEN, YOUR DAY IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL YOUR VOTE IS IN THE BALLOT BOX!
MEN AT WORK
...FURTHERMORE, ANY ONE OF YOU WHO FAILS TO VOTE DESERVES WHAT IS THRUST UPON HIM. NOW... TO THE POLLS... THE ZERO HOUR APPROACHES
HE'S RIGHT
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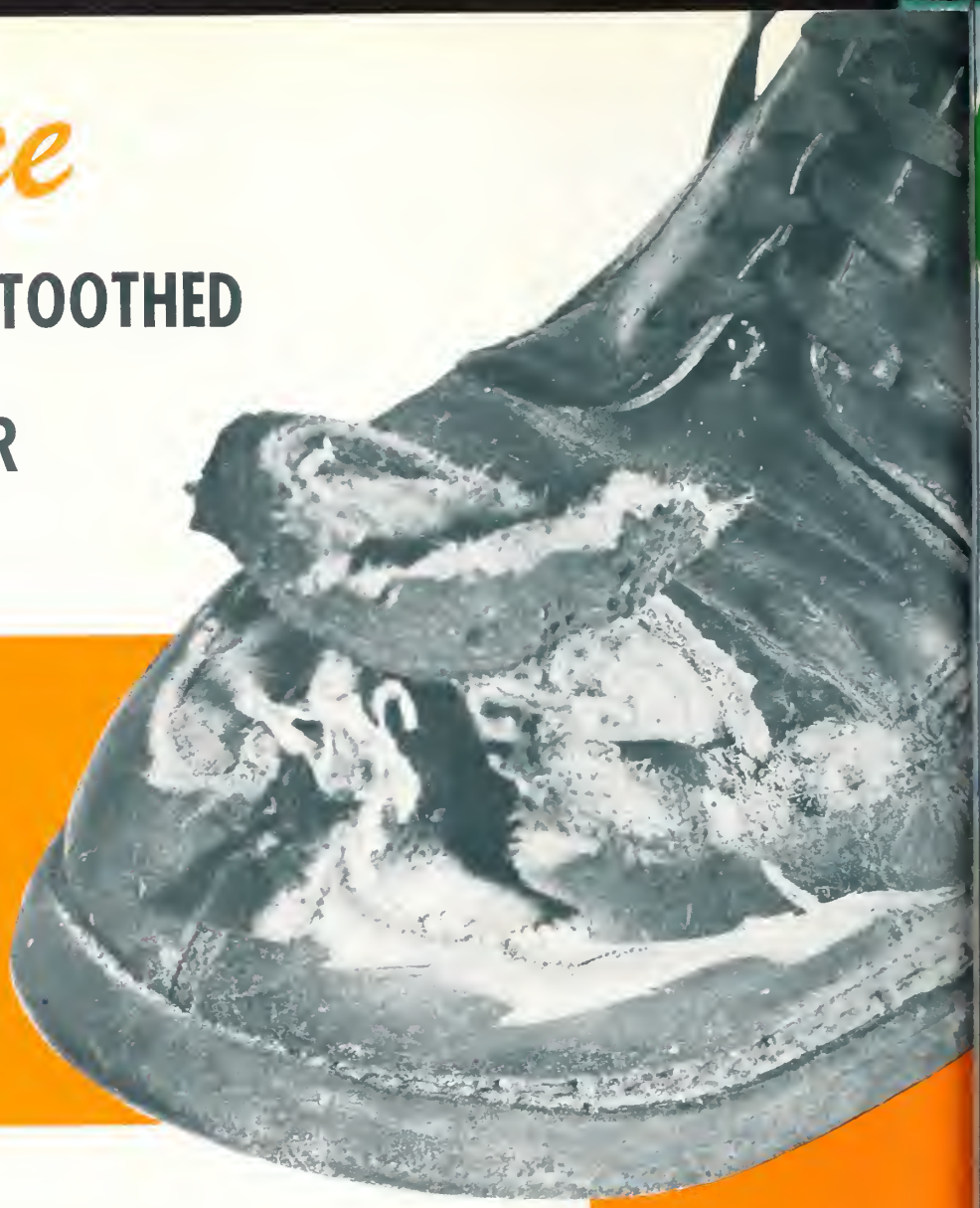
NEXT DAY
YOU WERE GREAT, BURRHEAD... BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOUR CANDIDATE MAKE OUT?
OH... HE... HE... LOST... BY ONE VOTE. OH! GOOD GRIEF!!
...I FORGOT TO CAST MY OWN VOTE!!!

Beware

OF THE SABER-TOOTHED POWER MOWER



The rotary power mower is a great labor saver for the home owner but it can chew toes or project a stone or piece of metal like an anti-tank missile.

Arthur J. Gauvin, Groupleader in Department 426, has all his toes today because this summer he broke a habit of many years' standing. It was his usual custom to wear sneakers while mowing the lawn, but one night he was in a hurry and upon arriving home from work he decided to leave on his safety shoes.

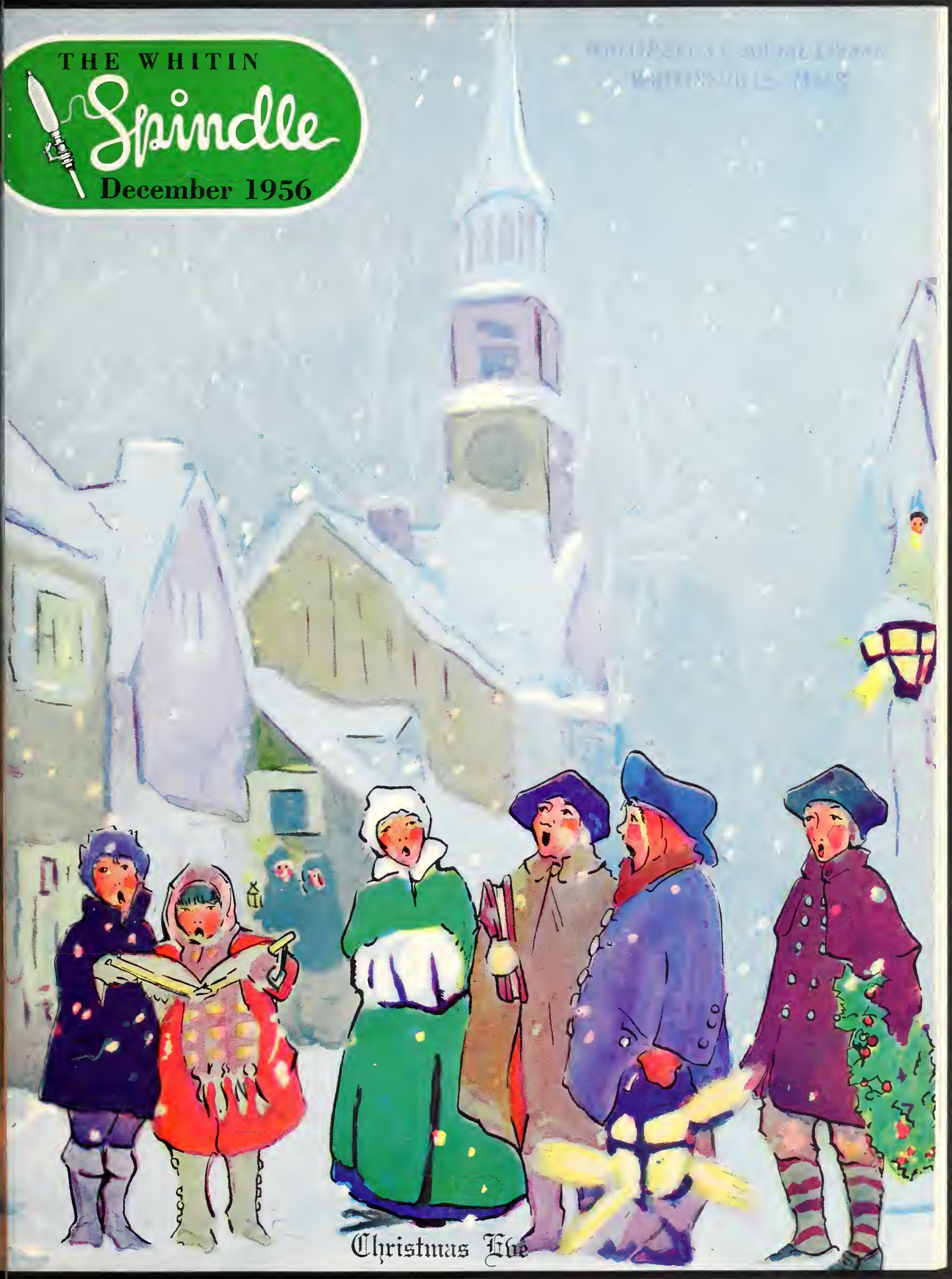
Soon after starting his power mower Arthur stepped on a wet spot of grass and his foot slipped under the housing, allowing his shoe to contact the twenty-two inch blade which was whirling at 1700 revolutions per minute. Although the leather on the shoe was thoroughly chewed, Arthur's toes remained fully protected. The steel cap of the safety shoe was not dented or even scratched.

It's good practice to wear safety shoes both inside and outside of the plant. Not only do safety shoes protect your feet on the job, they prevent injuries also at home.

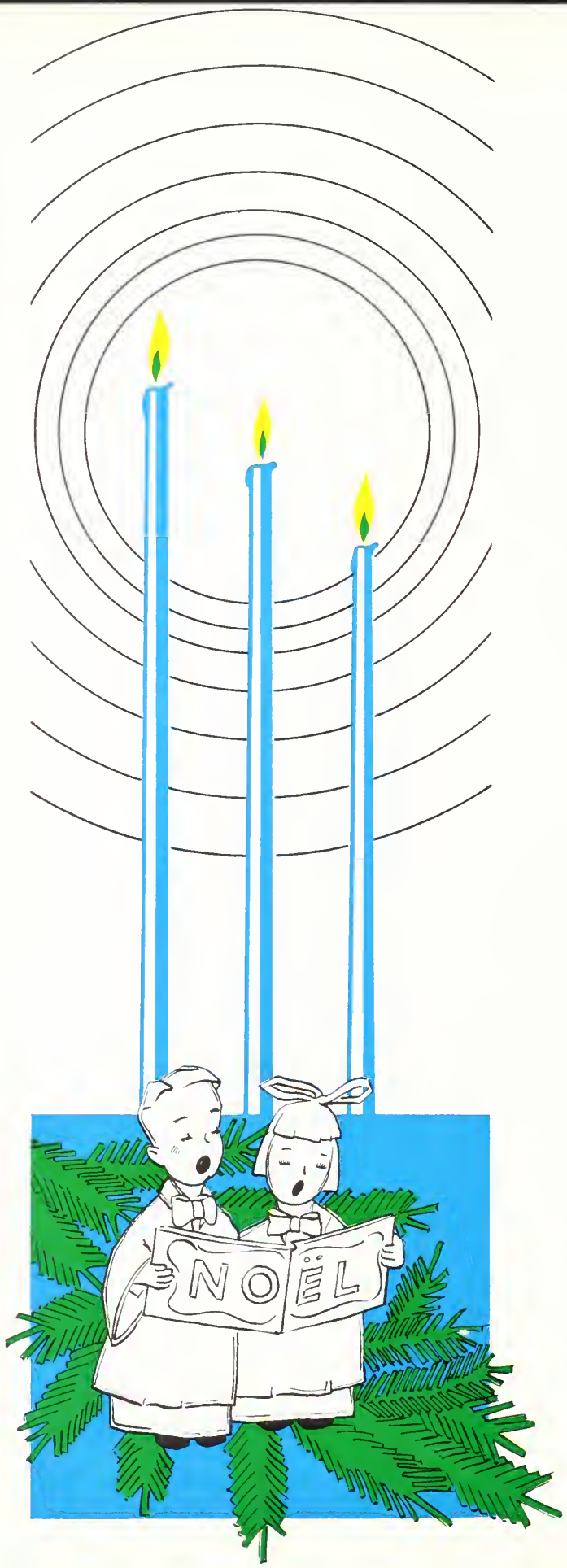
THE WHITIN

Spindle

December 1956



Christmas Eve



A

Christmas Message

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MAY I again extend to all of you and your families a joyous Christmas and a very happy New Year.

As we go about our preparations for this gay holiday season we all must realize how fortunate we are to be living in this wonderful country of ours. With the rest of the world seething in discontent, and either at war or existing under the threat of war, once again the free world looks to us for leadership and guidance. At the same time, while our allies expect us to untangle the unfortunate mess they seem to have gotten themselves into, they request, and undoubtedly will receive, the material aid we have so largely provided in the past. While we are completely free to move about as we see fit, with everything for our comfort, including fuel in plentiful supply, both for our cars and our homes, our friends abroad are once more faced with war-time fuel rationing and other restrictions. It is altogether fitting, therefore, that during this merry yuletide, and remembering the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, we offer our heartfelt prayers for a lasting, just and permanent peace throughout the world in order that others, too, may share more equitably in the rewards of peaceful pursuits. Let us add special prayers for those unhappy, suppressed souls behind the iron curtain.

Do not forget to give fervent thanks to our Maker for our great land which permits us to give of our bounty to aid the rest of mankind without disturbing our own way of life. We also should hope and pray that we in America will be spared the agony of being drawn into another world-wide war that could well be too horrible to contemplate and which might destroy everything that we hold so dear. We must do everything we can as individuals to see to it that the pacifists among us do nothing to prevent our remaining so strong that no aggressor will dare attack us. Perhaps some of us may feel that the dangerous situation abroad cannot affect us here in this country, and especially that it does not affect our community and cannot harm us personally. This just is not true.

On the human side, one of our own erectors, Clemence Stanislaus, was installing Whitin combers in Egypt when the bombing and fighting started. Through our American consulate and the Navy he was evacuated. I would like to quote his own words from a report which he recently sent to the shop from Lavrion, Greece, where he is again hard at work erecting Whitin combers:

"Had quite a time getting out of Egypt, even with the help of the U. S. Consulate in Alexandria. When things happened, they really happened fast and it seems that I'd delayed leaving a couple of days too long. However, since the U. S. Navy sent three ships in to evacuate all Americans and some other European Nationals as well, everything did work out okay in the end. The trip from Alexandria to Crete on one ship and from Crete to Naples on another was not what you'd call a Mediterranean pleasure cruise as they were Naval ships with full crews and extra Marines aboard. How they managed to feed the hundreds of extra civilians, about a third of them children, I'll never know!

"It was simply wonderful to get ashore in Naples where the U. S. Consulate had reserved hotel rooms for all. I believe that I slept soundly for the biggest part of three or four days. All in all, the whole thing was an experience that I'm mighty glad is in the past.

"I'll make a complete report on progress and unfinished work in Egypt when I return to the shop."

After his trying experience I think we owe Mr. Stanislaus a vote of thanks for his loyalty in being willing to remain abroad in order that our Whitin products will be successfully installed.

On the business side of this picture, the exportation of machines undoubtedly is going to be reduced to a low ebb until affairs over there are straightened out. All of their dollars will be needed either for oil, coal, or other essentials which they will have to purchase from this country over and above those quantities which are outright gifts. Nearly all of the textile plants abroad will be on short time because of the lack of fuel, and will certainly not wish to purchase new machinery under those conditions. You can see, therefore, inasmuch as the export of our machines has been playing an increasingly important part in our production, that our own jobs are bound to be affected.

These are indeed changing times. All around you can see these signs of change. The Whitin Machine Works, in keeping with our determination of doing everything possible to prevent unemployment, must and is changing shape very rapidly. We continue to bring out new and revolutionary textile machines. We are entering into new fields not even contemplated a couple of years ago. All this requires additional floor space and new, modern machine tools. You already know that this is going to cost us four and one-half million dollars. In eighteen months to two years this expanded program, we expect, will be producing satisfactory results. You can be sure your management will ever seek new products to build—textile machinery or anything else that will provide employment and, at the same time, benefit our more than two thousand stockholders who are, of course, the actual owners of the Company.

The two year contract which was mutually agreed upon between the Company and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL–CIO, in behalf of Local 3654, and the two year contract between the Company and the Whitinsville Branch, Milford Association of the Patternmakers League of North America, allow management to know in advance what the element of cost, laborwise, is going to be through the first quarter of 1958. This is most helpful in making the plans we have under way. If we all do our part, as I am sure we will, this large expenditure will indeed be well justified.

With the Whitin Machine Works becoming more and more a publicly owned corporation, more responsibility is placed upon all of us to participate actively in civic and town affairs. Because of this, may I again urge everyone to give his or her share in increasing measure to support local charities, particularly through the Northbridge Agencies? It is part of the local scheme of things and should be a matter of personal pride to all of us to see to it that this most worthy concentration of charitable contributions receives adequate support.

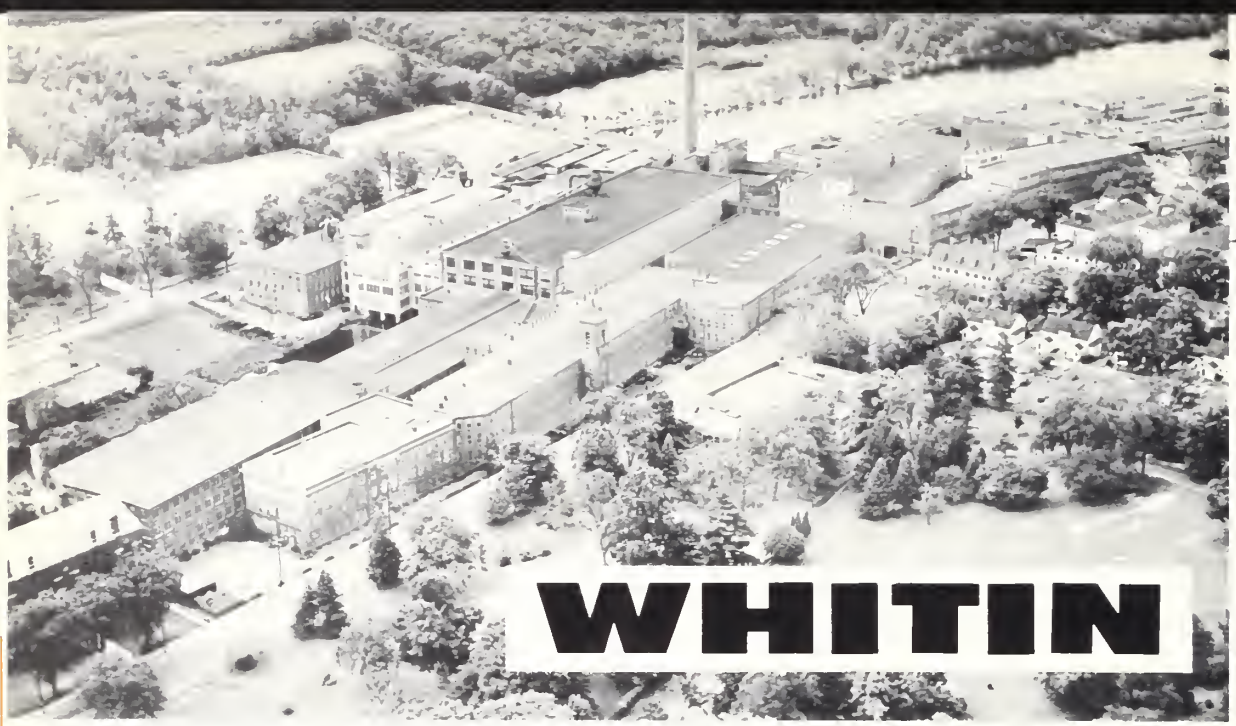
This, I know, has been a most trying year for many of us, and I do wish to thank everyone sincerely for the complete cooperation that he has given. There is no doubt in my mind but that we can count upon your continued support so that we can always be sure that Whitin builds not only the finest textile machinery in the world but that we also will excel in our new fields of endeavor.

Again, a most Merry Christmas and peace and contentment in the New Year.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

President



Since its modest beginning in 1831 the Whitin Machine Works has become the leader in the manufacture of preparatory textile machinery. Its floor space covers more than 72 acres

A Great Textile Tradition 1947–56

CHAPTER XII

The river of time flows on, and today's current event becomes tomorrow's history. As we write the final installment of this series of articles, it is evident that we cannot conclude the Whitin story because the Whitin Machine Works is making and will continue to make history.

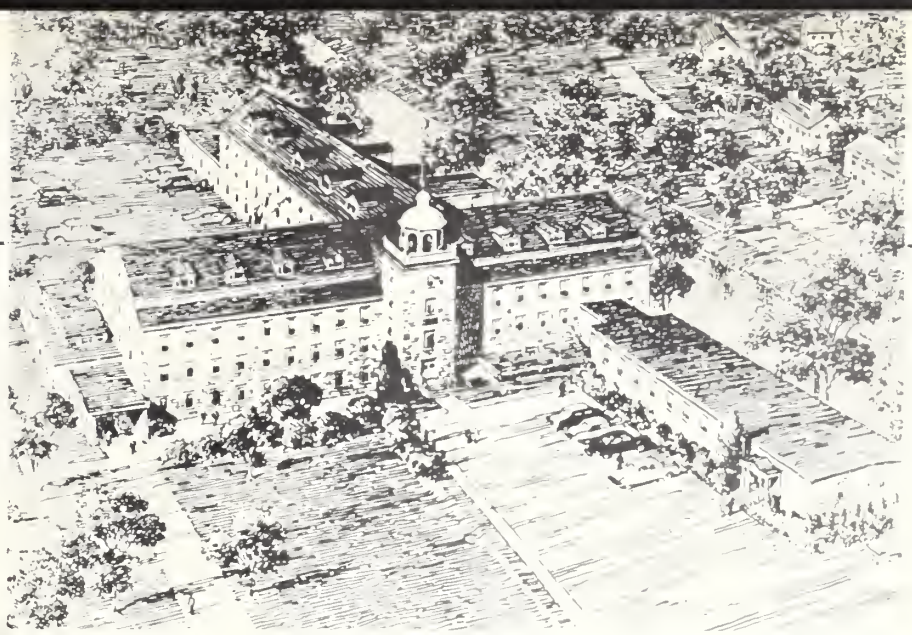
TREMENDOUS indeed have been the developments of the past decade, as Whitin has maintained its leadership by making greater advances than had occurred in a century in the design and manufacture of textile machinery. During the same period the Company, endowed with capable management, skilled labor, a well-equipped plant, and strong financial reserves, has demonstrated that it could manufacture other products and has embarked on a program of increased diversification.

Whitin entered this post-war period with a new outlook. Traditionally, manufacturers of textile machinery made few, if any, product improvements during periods when their order books were filled to overflowing. Research and development was reserved or postponed to slack periods. However, during the post-war business surge which lasted until 1951 and during a period when textile mills were urgently seeking additional machinery of any kind or condition, Whitin ignored tradition and made major improvements in its products. One example of such improved machinery was the world's first high speed comber, the Model J, announced in December, 1948. The 150-nip-a-minute Model J has been acclaimed and adopted in the combed yarn industries of almost every country outside the Iron and Bamboo Curtains. We have sold many hundreds of these combers, many of them to foreign mills. From the same period came the Model L Revolving Flat Card (built by Fayscott Corp.), several improved models of Draw Frames, and Super-Draft cradles, introduced in 1950.

Product improvement was intensified by Whitin when orders began to decline in 1951, for Mr. Bolton felt that continuous improvement was essential to maintain Whitin's leadership. In April, 1951, the Research Division, one of the world's largest and best-equipped textile research laboratories, was established in the handsome, refurbished stone mill, originally built in 1845 by the Company and later operated by the Whitinsville Cotton Mill.

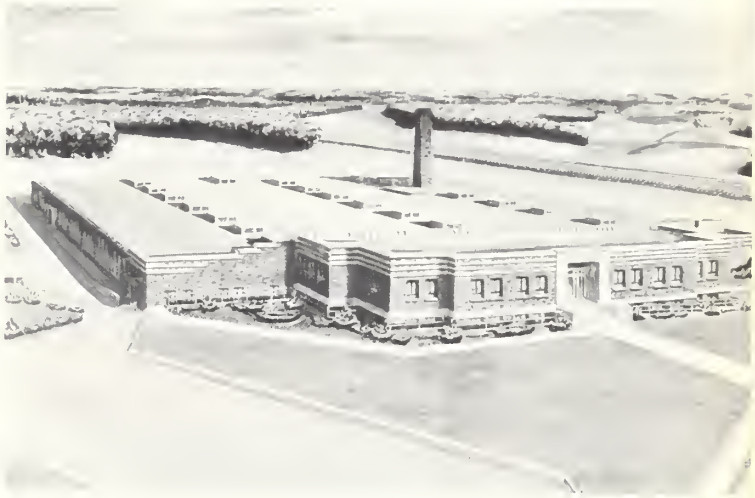
This division, with 93 late-model textile machines operating under mill conditions, has become famed internationally. Employing 70 persons in four sections—demonstration and testing, research engineering, machine shop, and spindle and ring—the Research Division was visited during the past year by 2006 persons from 23 states and 28 foreign countries, representing 163 domestic and 122 foreign customers.

The value of the Research Division has been threefold



The Research Division, one of the world's largest ond best equipped centers, for development ond demonstration of textile mochinery os well os pure and opplied textile research, during recent years has attracted thousands of visitors from American ond foreign mills

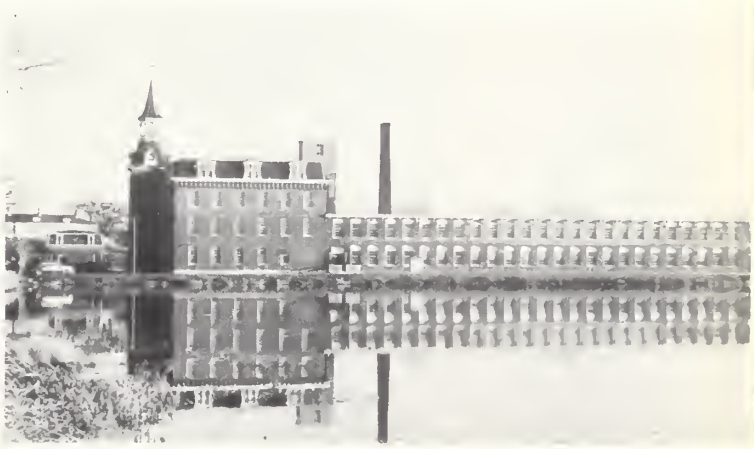
The progress mode by Whitin during the post decade hos been directed by Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, our President, since November 4, 1946. · In addition to widespread connections in business, bonking ond industry, he is also President and Director of each of the Whitin subsidiory companies



To provide better repair and replacement part service for our Southern customers, a new office and plant wos built for our Charlatte Repair Shop. The new building openad November 1, 1947, and has been enlarged on three occasions, including the addition of 36,000 square feet currently under construction

It has served the consumer by making possible improved-quality mass-produced textiles. It has benefited the textile industry by solving mill problems. For Whitin it has been a source of, and testing place for, machine design. From the Research Division came revolutionary developments: these include Axifeed and Axiflo Cleaners, 84″ Wool Card, 18″ x 42″ Card Coilers, Even-Draft Draw Frame, Roto Drafter, Quikset Roving and Spinning Frames, Monarch sliver-to-yarn Spinning Frame, and a top roll weighting arrangement, called Unitrol, for cotton spinning.

Equally noteworthy has been the continuing emphasis by Whitin on the importance of good customer relations. The Company began holding annual conferences for sales and service personnel in July, 1947. These conferences have proved to be the best method of keeping our key men abreast of machinery developments. This program gained added impetus on March 19, 1956, through the creation of two additional vice-presidencies. E. Kent Swift, Jr., was appointed to the office of Vice President, Liaison, Shop and Engineering; and John H. Bolton, Jr., was appointed to the office of Vice President, Liaison, Sales. Whitin also exhibited its machinery at all major textile machinery shows in the United States and abroad.



With the purchase of the Linwood Mill, for many years owned by Whitin Brothers, the Company on September 7, 1949, acquired 100,000 square feet of additional floor space for manufacturing. The sale included various water rights in the Carpenter Reservoir Assaciation ond Lackey Dam

WHITIN MACHINE WORKS

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During this period the *Whitin Review*, a publication issued by the Advertising Department, became an important medium of communication between the Company and customers. The *Review* which had been appearing at irregular periods since 1933, became a regular bi-monthly periodical beginning in 1948.

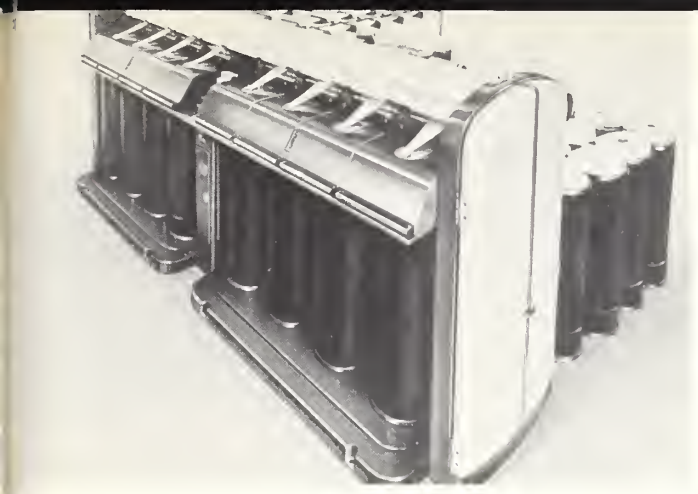
In many fields Whitin is facing increasing competition. For example, the Repair Sales Department which handles orders for repair and replacement parts and handles machinery modernization orders, has found that the formerly few large competitors have now been joined by a horde of smaller competitors who are among the firms which mushroomed in the post-war period with offers of specialized services.

To meet this fierce competition, Whitin expanded its Charlotte Repair Shop by building a new office and plant which opened November 1, 1947. This Shop, which employs approximately 300, has been enlarged twice and is currently being expanded by 36,000 square feet. To provide improved service to our customers, the Spartanburg office was opened in September, 1949, and the Greensboro office was opened in October, 1956. Better to serve our European customers, Whitin-France was established on May 16, 1955.

Manufacturing facilities were increased by the purchase of Fay & Scott Company of Dexter, Maine, on July 16, 1947. This plant was reorganized as our subsidiary, Fayscott Corporation. As many other "Defense Plants" experienced when the post-war surge declined, Whitin also found that it had more men and machine

A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (continued)

In the lower left-hand corner of this photograph is the new 570′ x 137′ building under construction on the bank of the Mumford River in the upper yard. It will house Departments 411 and 412. This new building is being erected by the Luria Construction Company next to the structure in which are located Departments 432 and 410



Whitin's policy of product improvement resulted, during this period, in tremendous advances in machine design. One of the more recent machines is the Even-Draft Draw Frame

A revolutionary development in opening machinery was the new Axiflo Cleaner. Since its introduction this machine has won wide acceptance in the cotton industry

For many years, nearby Uxbridge Inn has been the stopping place for visitors and salesmen coming to Whitin. When it wos affered for sale in 1956 Whitin bought it ta maintain these transient accammodatians and ta see that its reputatian far fine food is maintained

While prabably the world's largest single installation of Model J Cambers is at Catanniere de Fives, France, where 72 of the machines are running in one raam, there are many hundreds of Model J's in smoller installations in other foreign and domestic mills. The Model J is regarded as the best camber in the world

than could be kept busy on orders for its customary products only. President Bolton felt that Whitin should seek "non-textile" work to stabilize our work force.

The experience of the Whitin Machine Works in World War II had broadened the Company's capability to handle a wide variety of work and enabled the Company to diversify its manufactures. Our men had become accustomed to working to extremely close tolerances in many metals—tolerances previously thought not necessary in the manufacture of textile machinery. Whitin, therefore, was able to secure contracts to manufacture many items ranging from complete machines to heavy castings. We have been casting, forging, and machining parts for a host of companies, working on a score of products.

To show Whitin's versatility, we mention but three of Whitin's "non-textile" products in the post-war period: the Pratt & Whitney Airfoil Grinders designed to yield an end product which had to be held to a tolerance of .0003″; the heavy machined castings made for the Atomic Energy Commission as parts for equipment used in processing fissionable material; and the Army "Loki" program in which we manufactured a free-flight missile with .0005″ tolerance in aluminum!

Thus it was not surprising in 1955, when Mr. Bolton announced that we had acquired the rights to, and would manufacture, an offset duplicating machine, marking our entry into the business equipment field. During this period distribution franchises were arranged with the Gestetner Duplicator Corporation for selling and servicing their Stencil Duplicators. A new company, the Whitin Business Equipment Corporation, was established September 12, 1955. The new subsidiary corporation has opened offices in Atlanta, Georgia; Boston, Massachusetts; Chicago, Illinois; and Rochester, New York. These offices are serving also as sales offices for the Whitin Masterlith Duplicator. The first public showing of the Whitin Masterlith Duplicator was held in the New England New Products Exhibition in Boston in March, 1956.

During these years there have been other significant changes within the Plant. One of the more noteworthy was in the expanding field of labor relations. The Patternmakers retained their A.F. of L. Union. The Foundry

A GREAT TEXTILE TRADITION (continued)

employees, however, decertified their union in 1948 and voted to join with the C.I.O. United Steelworkers Local in 1949. During the decade, management and union leaders learned much in handling problems of mutual concern.

In this new environment, a few among the Plant supervisory personnel showed resentment, while the zeal of some of the newly elected Union officials caused them to attempt to exceed the actual scope of their function. Numerous contract revisions were negotiated during this period. However, the Steelworkers struck the Plant, for the second time, from August 18, 1952, to October 21, 1952. With the contract settlement of April 2, 1956, a modified union shop was granted. The number of grievance cases has declined markedly during the period.

The Company's acquisition of a number of properties further strengthened its position. Whitin bought the manufacturing rights to H&B American Machine Company textile machinery in 1952. The purchase of the Linwood Mill on September 7, 1949, added 100,000 square feet of floor space for manufacturing. Storage space was acquired by the purchase of the No. 1 Stone Mill in Manchaug, in February, 1949, and by the purchase of the adjacent warehouse in July, 1952. Yet, Whitin needed still more room, and at the moment 90,000 square feet of additional manufacturing space is under construction in Whitinsville.

But during these years the Whitin Machine Works also divested itself of certain properties. With changing times, Castle Hill Farm was no longer needed and it was sold. The Whitin Machine Works decided it would cease to be a public utility and would relinquish its function as a supplier of water. The mobility of the working forces and the ease with which mortgage loans could be negotiated made Company housing an anachronism. Therefore, Mr. Bolton offered the Company dwellings for sale to employee-tenants.

In 1949 the Company owned about a thousand dwelling units; today it owns about 300. Shop housing has been sold to Whitin employees for 80% of its appraised valuation. The first groups were sold in 1950 when the houses on Elm Street, Fletcher Street, and part of the New Village area passed to private hands. In 1951 began the sale of the remaining units in New Village (except Overlook Apartments) and various single pieces of property. In 1955 houses on Maple, High, Water, West Water, Oak, West, Main, and Lake Streets were sold to tenants.

Other changes in the Plant further improved working conditions and production efficiency. In general, it may be said that the Plant has been made cleaner brighter, and more orderly in appearance. Throughout the entire Shop and Yards the improvement in the handling and storage of materials has been noticeable. Most important has been the continued modernization of machine tools.

Obsolete machines are expensive to repair and operate since 1946 we have sold or scrapped 2171 machines motorized 827, and are motorizing an additional 47. New machines are being purchased: those for Departments 411 and 412 will cost $1,000,000; those for Department 414 will cost $471,000. Some exceedingly important molding and shell molding equipment has been added to the Foundry; the Pangborn cleaning unit was installed in Department 405.

Against this background there has been a continuing interest in the selection, training, promotion, and well being of the men and women who make up the Whitin team. It should be recorded that during these years Whitin has enhanced its reputation as a good place in which to work, principally because Whitin has followed a policy of promoting persons of ability within its own ranks. Almost all appointments to Assistant Foreman or Foreman have been made from the ranks. Six of the present Divisional Superintendents are former Whitin Foremen or Assistant Foremen.

This personal interest in each worker has resulted in the present-day importance of the Personnel Department in promoting employee relations. It touches the life of every Whitin worker. There it is that he is hired, guided, counselled, admonished, praised and rewarded. There his records are kept, his grievances or complaints are heard. It is the headquarters of the Hospital, of Plant Security, of the WHITIN SPINDLE, and of the Apprentice School. He may bank his money or obtain a loan in its Credit Union.

A variety of "fringe benefits," provided by the Company at considerable cost, are enjoyed by the employees. Among these benefits are: 6 paid holidays; paid vacations of from one to three weeks, depending on seniority; group insurance providing life insurance, sickness pay

Left: The dates of March 9 and 10, 1951, marked the formal opening of The Whitinsville Hospital's new two-story wing. This addition made the Whitinsville Hospital one of the finest for its size in the Commonwealth

Opposite page upper left: In 1953–1954 a large addition was made to the Junior-Senior High School. Northbridge is known for the high standards of its schools

One of the more dramatic changes in Whitinsville is the growing development of Church Street as a shopping center

medical, surgical and hospitalization benefits; and pensions.

As usual, the weather in Whitinsville and Massachusetts generally has been difficult to predict. As examples of some extremes, there were: the tornado of June 10, 1953; the quiet deadliness of Hurricane Diane which, in a three-day period beginning August 17, 1955, poured almost fifteen inches of rain on the sodden land; and the swirling snowstorms of March, 1956, which blanketed Whitinsville with over 50 inches of snow.

While in the town of Northbridge agriculture and dairying have declined, and while many of the Shop employees now live outside Northbridge, the Village of Whitinsville has nevertheless prospered. It has become a shopping center for the area towns and its business district has been greatly built up and modernized. Its library circulation has climbed during the decade, from 69,834 (in 1947) to 94,453 (in 1955).

There have been other important changes. Our people are marrying at an age three years younger than the marriage age of their predecessors. The number of marriages reached its peak in 1951 when there were 133 weddings. The birth rate reached a high of 491 in 1954. The soaring birth rate increased school enrollments and taxed school facilities.

By 1949, the school enrollment totaled 1586. To provide for further growth, a thousand-pupil, million dollar junior-senior addition was made to the high school. In 1954, when as usual the strains of Mendelssohn's "War March of the Priests" sounded as a processional for the graduates, the exercises were held in the almost completed addition.

The town continued to be enthusiastic about sports. By 1951, as a result of a forward-looking compulsory swimming program, every boy in high school could swim. For a four-year period the Blackstone Valley League was active again, largely with college boy players. It was a six-team league with five towns—Whitinsville, Uxbridge, Douglas, Milford, and Hopedale regularly participating, with the sixth team being supplied at various times by Franklin, Norton's, Fort Devens or Wyman-Gordon. Never officially disbanded, the league became inactive when Douglas and Uxbridge decided that they could not afford to continue financing their respective teams. Interest in baseball continued with the formation of the Little League and the Intermediate League. The youngsters have done well. Wide attention and notice has been drawn by the annual meets of the Whitinsville Track and Field Association which since 1953 has attracted outstanding schoolboy and amateur track stars to the John Whitin Lasell Field. These annual events have renewed interest in track as a sport for local boys.

It has been a long trail, since Great John, the Nipmuc Chief, sold the area for two dollars a square mile, since John C. Whitin invented his Picker, since the daughter of a Northbridge minister wrote "O Beautiful for spacious skies. . . ." Our country and our Company together have grown great and have prospered. As we move into the unknown future we can continue to walk with hope and confidence because, as Americans we place our trust in God, the Author of our freedom, the Giver of all bounteous gifts, the Source of our success, individually and as a great industrial enterprise.

SIDELIGHTS

On the Life and Times of 1947-1956

(Excerpts from the "Worcester Telegram"
courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society)

BOSTON, Wednesday (AP)—Police last night unsuccessfully chased through West Roxbury a five-passenger black sedan believed to be the getaway car of the gunmen in the $1,000,000 Brink's, Inc., holdup.

They said the car spotted a short time after the robbery was going so fast they were unable to see how many persons were in it.

Police believed the shiny car, bearing stolen license plates headed toward Providence, R. I. The Boston-Providence highway runs through West Roxbury.

North Koreans Attack U. S.-Backed Republic

SEOUL, Sunday (AP) — Communist troops from North Korea invaded South Korea at dawn today on a wide front, but U. S. military advisers said the invasion was virtually stopped by this afternoon.

Heavy artillery fire was continuing however, as the North Koreans attacked at least 11 points. Tanks supported the attacks on some fronts.

More Than Raid; War Fear Rising

JERUSALEM, Tuesday, Oct. 30 (AP) — Israeli armed forces struck deep into Egypt's Sinai peninsula today and were unofficially reported only 18½ miles from the Suez Canal.

War fears rose around the world.

Egypt's army confirmed the invasion but said there had been no armed clash up until 11 p.m. Monday. (4 p.m. EST).

Egypt has been staging military maneuvers in the Sinai desert. Its strength there is not known.

13 Known Dead In New England

BOSTON, Saturday (AP) — A triple-threat storm of snow, sl and rain, whipped by winds t reached gusts of 50 miles hour, pelted New England y terday for the third time in days and brought death to least 13 persons.

The storm, which started rain along the coastal reg turned to snow at dusk and m already hazardous driving c ditions worse, delayed train local transit service and fo cancellation of all plane fligh

The Weather Bureau said storm would leave from eigh 12 inches of snow on top of two feet already covering m of New England.

Soldier's Adie To GAR V

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) Muffled drums tapped out soldier's farewell for Civil W drummer boy Albert Woole and the Grand Army of the R public.

A crowd of about 2000 c cled the hilltop family cemet plot during graveside servi for the last survivor of the U ion Army. Woolson died Thu day at 109.

After the Floods

A Sunday dawning clear and hot brought to Massachusetts residents, and those in neighboring flood-ravaged states, a fuller realization of the extent of the disaster that poured from the skies Friday.

As the flood tides began receding, the sun shone down on areas left strewn with incredible wreckage and debris. There were thousands still homeless. More than 100 were dead. The property damage totaled many thousands of dollars in inundated sections of Worcester alone.

U. N. to Lower Flag Today For Stalin

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Friday (AP)—The blue and white U. N. flag will be lowered to half staff this morning in mourning of the death of Stalin. This is in accord with the U. N. flag code.

The announcement of Stalin's death came as Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky was making hurried preparations to leave New York today for Moscow. He will sail on the French line Liberte at 4 p. m. today.

The death apparently meant to the Western powers at the U. N. that even the slimmest chance of getting Russia to talk of peace in Korea would have to wait until the Soviet Union leadership is reshuffled in the wake of Stalin's death.

Orville Wright, Co-Inventor of Airplane, Dies

First Man To Fly Motor-Driven Plane; Had Aided Army

DAYTON, O., Saturday (AP)—Orville Wright, co-inventor of the airplane died last night at 10.40 in Miami Valley Hospital. He was 76.

Members of the immediate family had remained outside Wright's room throughout the day.

Dr. A. B. Brower, personal physician, said Wright took a bad turn Thursday night, and sank slowly through the night.

Death resulted, said the doctor, from a lung congestion and coronary arterioscelerosis.

Hurts 800, Ruins Thousands of Homes in County

By PAUL DRISCOLL, Telegram Staff Reporter

At least 73 persons were killed yesterday by a tornado that roared across Worcester County.

Another 800 were injured.

Property damage amounted to millions of dollars. Several thousand homes were leveled or severely damaged.

At a late hour last night, emergency workers were still digging victims out of the wreckage.

The disaster was one of the worst in the county's history. Toll of dead and injured far exceeded that of the 1938 or 1944 hurricanes.

Thousands Dead, Hurt In Hungary

VIENNA, Austria, Oct. 26 (AP)—Russian and Hungarian soldiers began an all-out attack today to crush the Hungarian "freedom and independence" revolt which flamed for the third day in Budapest and spread through the country.

Several thousand persons were believed dead or wounded.

IKE WINS AGAIN BY LANDSLIDE

The roar of prop-driven planes has been replaced by the scream of jets as swept-wing fighters, bombers, and transports rip through the sky. The new planes, which require longer runways, better fuels, and tougher metals, are proof that American industry has not lost the knack of producing something better

CHAPTER XII

Our Nation—

1947–1956

THE AMERICAN SCENE

Early in our history our country was termed the "last best hope of the world." It remains so. In this, the last chapter of our national series, we express our firm conviction that the United States has a wealth that cannot be expressed merely by counting automobiles, telephones, or bathtubs. That wealth is our way of life, the American Way, which confers greater and more material blessings while maintaining the dignity, freedom, and individuality of each man as a child of God.

PERHAPS no other decade of American history has been more meaningful or more crucial than that of 1947–1956. During these taut, anxious, exciting, stimulating years we have faced a multitude of mighty problems. Without meanness or fear, the American people and Nation have faced abroad the distant but implacable menace of Soviet Russia while continuing at home a middle-of-the-road progress.

Let us recall some of the great or unusual events viewed in the kaleidoscope of the past ten years. In 1947, Henry Ford died at the age of 83 leaving his mark on American industry and dedicating, through the Ford Foundation, the bulk of his huge fortune to the welfare of future generations of Americans. In that year the United States was made trustee of all the Pacific Islands formerly under Japanese mandate. It was then also that the economically hard-pressed British withdrew from Greece, and America took over under the Truman Doctrine.

The next year it rained frogs, little green frogs, in New Bedford, Massachusetts (citizens were sure they saw them). Overseas, Mohandas K. Gandhi, humble little man who brought Dominion status to India by passive resistance, was assassinated in New Delhi on January 30. The Russians blockaded Berlin, embarrassing the Western Powers. The effectiveness of this stubborn action was nullified by the great airlift which handled sufficient supplies to keep that metropolis func

tioning. The State of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv on May 14—a harassed little country with a determination to continue its existence. At home, irascible Harry S. Truman confounded the experts by winning the presidential election.

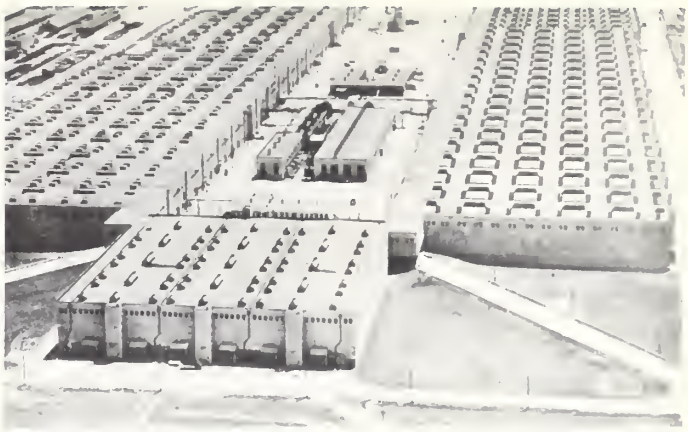
In 1949, World War II veterans chuckled as two prominent radio personalities went to prison. Sentenced for treason were "Axis Sally" Mildred E. Gillars and "Tokyo Rose" I. Toguri D'Aquino. Also sentenced for advocating the violent overthrow of our government were eleven leaders of the American Communist Party. That was the year that the U.S.S.R. fired its first atom bomb. It was the year of the "recession," distinguished from severe economic "depression." Successive rounds of wage increases, helped increase the cost of living 31.7% in the four year period 1945–1949, and reduced the purchasing power of people with fixed incomes.

On January 17, 1950, a well organized gang cracked the Brinks' till in Boston and lifted $1,500,000. Nineteen-fifty was the year in which two fanatics tried to kill the president, the year when the Kinsey report was published, the time that Alger Hiss was found guilty, and the date when the United States resumed research on the fusion or H-Bomb.

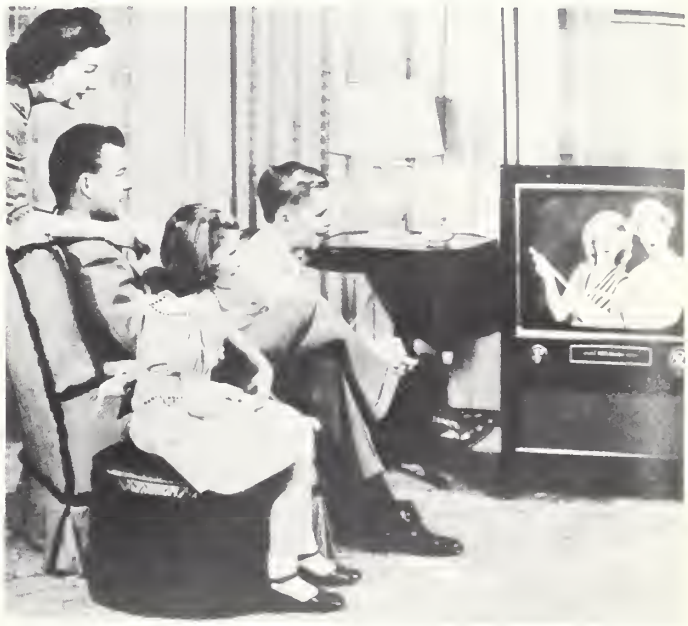
Because 1950 was the mid-point of the century, America took a look at its progress. Since 1900 life expectancy had increased from 49 years to 68 years. The average American, whether man or woman, was two inches taller and ten pounds heavier. One-third of all American families had incomes between $3,000 and $5,000. The average American, who before the war was eating meat only at every other evening meal, was eating meat five out of seven nights by 1950. Whereas in 1935 only 10% of American farms had electricity, by 1950 over 85% of American farms were electrified. The country had 59,300,000 automobile drivers; in 1950 alone more than 8,000,000 cars were sold. The United States had hit a new high in its standard of living.

But we also had hit new heights in other fields. For example, there were improved race relations and the end of segregation in the Air Force, Navy, and Army. The improved status of the Negro was evidenced not only by the great athletes Joe Louis, Jackie Robinson, and Roy Campanella, but also by the thirteen honorary degrees conferred in rapid succession in 1951 on Ralph Bunche for his work in the United Nations. In education, at one time 4,000,000 veterans were learning skills under the G.I. Bill—a tremendous investment in the future. Four out of five children of high school age were enrolled in high schools—and the continuing high birth rate presaged serious shortages in school facilities.

In the arts, the results were equally astounding. There were 300,000 painters, amateurs as well as professionals, in the United States and, in 1949, $40,000,000 worth of art supplies were sold—a tenfold increase in a decade. In music, there were by 1951 six hundred fifty-nine symphonic groups in the country. In drama, little theater groups were bursting out all over. The interest in literature was reflected in the sales of certain paper-back editions up to January, 1952: Tennessee William's *A Streetcar Named Desire*, over half a million copies; George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-four*, over three-quarters of a million; Norman Mailer's *The Naked and the Dead*, over a million and a quarter; Ruth Benedict's *Pattern of Culture*, 400,000; and *The Odyssey*, 350,000. More than a million copies of each of the *Reader's Digest* books were sold. The classics in world literature were avidly devoured. By the mid-point of the century, even the most critical had to acknowledge the United States as a cultured nation.



While the atomic age was ushered in by a destructive weapon, this great atomic energy plant is an indication of the constructive use of atomic power. It harnesses atomic power and may make present industrial power sources obsolete, calling for new concepts and making the life of future generations easier



The widespread ownership of TV sets brought many of the advantages of the theater into the home. During these years, television matured as a medium of communication, education, and entertainment

The Illinois Central streamliner "Panama Limited," purring north along the Chicago lake front, furnishes a marked contrast to the smoky trains of only a few years ago. The new trains provide increased comfort, speed, and economy of operation

Our increased maturity showed in our relations with our good neighbors of both North America and South America, and it is likely that these improved relations will continue to be of importance for centuries. The 1945 Principles of Chapultepec were codified at Quintandinha, Brazil, in 1947 and at Bogota, Colombia, in 1948. The new era may be summed up as "consultation and not dictation."

In that same year of 1950 the people of the United States faced with weary resignation a "limited war" which threatened to become World War III. On Saturday, June 24, communist North Korea invaded South Korea with planes, tanks, and heavy artillery. South Korea was poorly prepared to defend itself against this aggression. President Truman took immediate action, promptly confirmed by the United Nations, in ordering U. S. forces to help South Korea. Six days later our own men, mostly lightly-armed green occupation troops from Japan were in the so-called police action. The ROKS, together with our troops fighting at the request of the United Nations, were shoved down the peninsula in a "bloody, humiliating, scarifying retreat." On August 6 a defense perimeter was stabilized around the port of Pusan and on September 15 came the brilliant stratagem of landing at Inchon. The ROK and United Nations troops punched back toward the Yalu—until November 26 when Red China entered the war on the side of North Korea and hurled thirty-three additional divisions against us.

On April 11, 1951, President Truman fired General Douglas MacArthur who favored all-out war. Truman could not brook this difference over policy. MacArthur received huge ovations upon his return, then faded into obscurity. Hostilities were to drag on until the armistice signed at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953. (It has been an uneasy truce with numerous communist violations.) At home, employment climbed to 62,000,000.

Nineteen fifty-two was a full year. In England, George VI died and Elizabeth II came to the throne. Britain became the third country to explode an atom bomb. In April, the Missouri, Mississippi, and Red Rivers went on a rampage and did $300,000,000 damage. Television came of age as fifty-five million Americans sat at home and watched the presidential campaign of 1952. The Republicans won with Eisenhower and Nixon. On November 16 a Pacific Island vanished when the United States exploded the world's first H-bomb.

Nineteen fifty-three was an eventful year. The Korean armistice was signed in July. In Russia the 73-year old dictator, Josef Stalin, died on March 1. His death was followed shortly with the execution of his henchman, Beria. The 29,002 foot height of Mt. Everest was scaled on May 29 by Edmond P. Hillary and Tensing Norkay. The Russians detonated an H-bomb. King Farouk of Egypt was deposed by a military junta and Egypt became a republic.

Nineteen fifty-four gave rise to the term, "McCarthyism" in the United States. Senator Joseph McCarthy,

seeking to make political capital from the fact that some foggy-brained individuals had been duped by communist zealots, rose in prominence, was subdued by a quiet-voiced lawyer, Joseph Welch, and was ultimately dropped into political limbo "apologizing for having advocated the election of Eisenhower." Colonel Nasser became premier of Egypt. The *Nautilus*, first atom-powered submarine, was launched; the U. S. Air Force Academy was created; the St. Lawrence Seaway was authorized. Two hurricanes, the furies Carol and Edna, smacked and heavily damaged New England.

In 1954 we cut armaments, and warned aggressors of "massive retaliation." We realized that co-existence was inevitable. With the Indo-Chinese Truce, for the first time in twenty-three years there was no shooting war. On May 17 came the Supreme Court desegregation ruling.

In 1955 George Malenkov resigned; in June the Russians, of their own accord, apologized for shooting down a U. S. patrol plane. Formosa, as now, was held

With the increase in leisure, sports and other recreations have increased importance for the average person. Millions attend spectacles like the Rose Bowl game

by the Chinese Nationalists. More important to parents was the announcement of the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Thereafter events moved fast and furiously. Since Bannister of England ran the "impossible" 4 minute mile, several others have further lowered the mile record. In Argentina, Peron was ousted. Planes, having passed the sound barrier, approached the heat barrier. Now we are contemplating sending the first artificial satellite into space. In recent memory are: President Eisenhower's heart attack; the sinking of the *Andrea Doria;* nationalization of Suez, Corsica; the game but losing fight of Babe Didrikson Zaharias against cancer; and the Brink's Trial. At the moment of writing President Dwight D. Eisenhower, for the second time, has defeated Adlai Stevenson in a presidential election, this time by a landslide. "Ike" now faces the grave problems of the British, French and Israeli action in Egypt, the occupation of the Suez by United Nations troops, the revolt in Hungary against the Russian oppressors, and the stirrings in Poland and other "satellites" against the Russian overlords.

But there have been other great changes which did not make the headlines but which will nevertheless be recorded in history. Successful corporations are expanding, growing in their own financial vitality without dependence on banks. Big homes all over the country are being abandoned or converted. With the increase in the demand for skilled workers has come increased dignity to labor. Clothing styles are informal, and the pattern of living is becoming increasingly casual. There is a renewed and growing interest in religion.

There has been a hothouse growth of American technology, due largely to the fact that more scientists now work for industry than in colleges. With this has come a change in the average corporation. The historian F. L. Allen says that today the corporation is a social unit . . . a community in which the shop publication takes the place of the old-time country weekly.

Today all industry believes that which Whitin has always maintained, that promotion of the common weal is also good business. It seems that we've been "modern" right along. But the best is yet to come! We believe that our concepts of life and our system of government are the best that have ever been achieved in the world. Yet, as we have improved our ways in the past, we can seek further to improve our life and living in the future. And for all of our accomplishments of the past, and for the hope of achieving our aspirations in the future, we continue to thank God. May He continue to bless our land and to preserve us from all harm and danger!

We don't know what the future holds for our youngsters but we do know that they are an attractive, healthy, happy lot who will develop into desirable citizens, parents, and workers

Christmas

Facts and Fancies

CHRISTMAS is a joyous time full of ancient traditions and customs which have been willed to us, through the ages, by the peoples of many lands. From the ancient Druids of Britain and the tribes of Northern Europe to the medieval English and early American colonists, there has been an enduring bequest of lovely legends and gay traditions which make our own Christmas such a merry and enchanting occasion.

The popular custom of kissing under the mistletoe comes down to us from the mystic rites of the primitive Druids. In their faraway age, the mistletoe, which means "all heal," was believed to have magic qualities —the power to protect its possessor from witchcraft, heal disease, neutralize poisons, and bestow fertility on humans and animals. If a young couple sealed their betrothal with a kiss under the mistletoe, they would receive wonderful blessings and much good luck for the rest of their lives. This custom has lived for over 2,000 years and continues to live today with much merry conjecture as to who will get "caught" under the mistletoe at Christmas.

And what Yuletide celebration would be complete without the traditional Christmas tree? It is to the old Teutonic belief that the trees of the forest were inhabited by godlike spirits, that we are indebted for this gay holiday decoration. In order to appease these "spirits," the Germans brought the trees into their homes to show them they were welcome at the Winter solstice ceremonies.

The holiday season as we know it today consists mainly of Christmas and the New Year and their respective eves. However, throughout the whole octave of the season, there exists a festive spirit which cannot be dispelled. This cheery atmosphere comes to us from the medieval English who celebrated Christmas not just for four days, but for twelve. These "Twelve Days of Christmas" were signalled by the lighting of the yule log. As the log was drawn into the hall of the lord, the people of the manor would gather round and sing joyful songs and carols. The log would then be lit and the fire kept burning for twelve days. At the end of the twelfth day, it would be extinguished and a remnant of the fire kept for the following year when it would be used to kindle a new log. Thus we find the true symbolism of the yule log and the reason why Christmas is often referred to as "yuletide."

The sprightly carol "Deck the halls with boughs of holly . . .", today a must in any choral group rep-

Bringing in the pudding, from an 1858 woodcut

ertoire, was also sung by the people of medieval England as they gathered to salute the yule log. And the opening lines of the carol were literally true. The use of holly as a Christmas decoration in those days was quite popular and has remained a symbol of joy and merriment throughout the centuries. And, in days gone by, unmarried women fastened a sprig of holly to their beds at Christmas-time to protect them from the "evil one" during the coming year.

The English, however, are not the only ones to leave us enduring traditions. Santa Claus was given us by the Dutch whose Santa Klass was a contraction for St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. The Dutch also began the charming custom of hanging children's stockings in anticipation of the jolly saint's annual visit.

But one of our most popular holiday activities, and one few of us would miss, is the visiting of friends and relatives on New Year's Day. We owe this custom to the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam. On that day, a young Dutch maiden would wear her best jeweled cap and her most delicately pleated ruff, and, seated in the front room among her family treasures, await the coming of those youths socially eligible to become her husband. No doubt she served them refreshments, and of course there must have been much toasting to welcome in the New Year. Through the years, this quaint Dutch custom has been modified until today the suitors have all but disappeared, and, in their stead, friends and relatives assemble in warm celebration of the holiday festivities.

But, regardless of what age or in what land it was being observed, Christmas has always been a time of family reunion and feasting. In the time of Elizabeth I, a Christmas dinner often lasted as long as nine hours, with further snacks of oysters and pheasant served throughout the evening. One of the main dishes of the banquet was a peacock brought in on a golden platter, its crested head erect and its tail gracefully outspread. As a companion there might be a steaming boar's head, with a bright red apple set between its sharp, gleaming teeth.

And what Christmas dinner would be complete in the merry England of Good Queen Bess without plum pudding! The origins of this festive dessert are lost in history but popular legend explains it this way: Once upon a time, an English king went hunting on Christmas Eve. He soon became lost, however, when a blizzard blocked the paths of the forest. One of the hunters, the cook, very quickly found himself charged with the task of preparing Christmas dinner from whatever food he could find. So he literally threw everything into the pot—the remains of a stag chopped into fine bits, flour, a few dried plums, some birds' eggs, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game. Soon, to his surprise, he had a delicious, hot "pudding" and to this day, true plum puddings have all of these ingredients which our quick-witted hunter put into his cooking-pot.

Another favorite dinner treat with an interesting beginning is mince-meat pie. This tasty dish was originally devised by the Puritans as a religious offering and served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in its center. The earliest known recipe dates from the reign of James I in the early 17th century. At that time the pie was filled with beef tongue, chopped chicken, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and various spices.

Christmas today means many things for Americans. It is not only Santa Claus and mistletoe, plum pudding and "togetherness," but a whole heritage of festive traditions and age-old customs which have blended so well with the American scene. When we say "Merry Christmas," it is indeed so, because it is the true gift of friendship from many ages and lands.

Both men and women take active parts in Whitin's Safety Program. Pictured are some of the women who attended the Safety Dinner on November 8

Accidents—PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE

Fatal accidents are robbing America of more future working years than either heart disease or cancer, according to a special study by the American Medical Association. In fact, accidents take a greater toll of productive years than any one natural cause of death.

At the Safety Dinner, in the Cafeteria, on November 8, Mr. James C. Rankine, Safety Engineer, and Chairman of the Whitin Safety Committee, read these appalling figures from a report received from the National Safety Council: accidental deaths from all sources in 1955 totaled 93,000—14,500 of which were on the job; industrial accidents for 1955 totaled 1,900,000.

However, Whitin's safety record for the year 1955 was rated as one of the best in the country. For this accomplishment the Whitin Machine Works received the Award of Merit from the National Safety Council.

In reporting on the first six months of 1956 Mr. Rankine said that 3,360 injured employees were treated at the Shop Hospital. The most frequent injuries were to eyes and hands. Foreign bodies were removed from the eyes of 680 employees and 1,712 employees were treated for injured fingers. Chairman Rankine stated that the promptness with which the injured employees reported to the Shop Hospital prevented many possible lost-time accidents. He asked all employees for their continued support of the Safety Program and thanked them for their cooperation in the past.

Mr. Bolton spoke on several subjects of interest to the employees. On safety, he made a special request that all who become involved in accidents not withhold such important information as the cause of the accident. "Only by finding the cause can a repetition of the accident be avoided," he said. In reporting on the textile industry he stated that the mills have been doing very little business and consequently have been unable to buy new textile machinery. "However," he said, "there are definite signs of improvement." He spoke hopefully of Whitin's new expansion and diversification programs. "Although it will be some time before we see any results from our efforts, the rewards should be worth waiting for," he said.

Works Manager Erik Pierson stressed the importance of instructing the employee in safe work methods. He said, "The best safety device is a careful worker."

Superintendent John H. Cunningham pointed out the necessity of preventing accidents before they happen. "An employee's first accident may be his last," he said. He reminded the assembly that there are 365 days in the year and that each should be free of accidents.

Mr. Melvin McCully, representative of the Paige Foundation, congratulated the Whitin Machine Works on its outstanding record of safety for the year 1955. He said this achievement was made possible through the cooperation of management, the Safety Committee and other safety conscious employees of the Whitin Machine Works. Mr. McCully stressed the importance of a good safety organization. He congratulated Chairman James Rankine who recently was elected a directo

More than 300 employees assembled at the Cafeteria to enjoy good food, good entertainment and to give serious consideration to Whitin's Safety Program

The Four Henry Girls—attractive and talented acrobatic dancers

Accidents

(continued)

of the American Society of Engineers. Mr. McCully reminded those associated with the safety program of the importance of their task; through their efforts human lives are saved, human suffering is eliminated, and personal property is protected. "Safety" he said, "is a tremendous task and a continuing one, but the rewards are gratifying."

The Shooting Linds gave an amazing demonstration of their sharpshooting ability

Here are some of the men who do more than just talk about safety. They are the members of the Safety Committee. Front row, from the left: Alphege Blanchette, William Steele, James Ferguson, Jacob DeJong, George Fullerton, Owen Ward, Louis Veau, and Chairman James C. Rankine; back row, from the left: Philip B. Walker, William Sprott, Robert Stewart, Arthur Litke, George Comeau, Donald Songster, Cecil Baker, Raymon F. Meader, Ernest Julian

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MORE THAN HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Christmas has always meant more than the giving of gifts. One of the most important meanings of Christmas is the sureness of faith and the hope and comfort for those nourished in it and the peace it brings.

Thankfulness for respite in world turmoil and the sobering thought that steps to world betterment are squarely up to us . . . as a nation, as neighborhoods and as individuals are always in evidence at Christmas.

What better spirit at Christmas than the joyful artistry in making your home ready for the season and a tingle of anticipation at the holiday visits of relatives, friends and neighbors. There is holly on the mantel, the Star of Hope on the tree, the privilege of belonging.

And of course, the smell of wonderful foods from a fragrant kitchen and a glow of pride in the things you have done for others and what other people have done for you.

FRONT COVER: It is part of the miracle of Christmas that, while customs and costumes vary from century to century and from country to country, the spirit is ever the same. Though the electric switch has replaced the lamplighter, and in America evergreens have replaced the holly of England, it remains the birthday of Christ.

Whitin Personality

HENRY L. THOMAS, a quiet, conscientious man, was born in East Douglas on May 13, 1912. He has spent most of his life there, for it was in East Douglas that he attended school, married, and established a home. He has no difficulty remembering his wedding anniversary, for it was on his birthday, 1940, that he and the former Anna V. Bloniasz of East Douglas were married. They own their house at Caswell Court, East Douglas.

As a boy, Henry played basketball, baseball, and football for Douglas High, graduating in 1930. He graduated from Worcester Boys' Trade School after completing a course in drafting and later studied textile engineering at Lowell Technological Institute.

Henry began work at Whitin on the Gear job in July 1933, transferring some months later to the Experimental Room. Since then he has made steady progress, working for the Engineering Department and the Cotton Service Department. During World War II he was in charge of repair work on war orders. From January 1946 to September 1953, he was in charge of repairs for Export Sales. In October of that year Henry was made service manager of the American System and in 1955 he also was made service manager of the Woolen Division.

Henry is a past president of the Ichtus Club, and a member of the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club. Formerly interested in golf and photography, today, when not engaged in making home repairs, he pursues in season, trout with his fly rod and cottontail rabbits with his sixteen-gauge shotgun.

And, of course, Henry is a baseball fan. His favorite team is the Boston Red Sox. Henry said, "this is a case where my heart rules my head."

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

CARD CYLINDERS AND SMALL PARTS

by Dorica Thompson

Birthday greetings to Russell Moore, Stephen Kuchanski. . . . We welcome Edward Danis, an apprentice, also Rudolph Petrin, Marian Klauzinski, Vasil Shola, Arthur Silba, Albert Forget, Ernest Descoteaux, and Arthur Dupre who have been transferred to Department 422.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

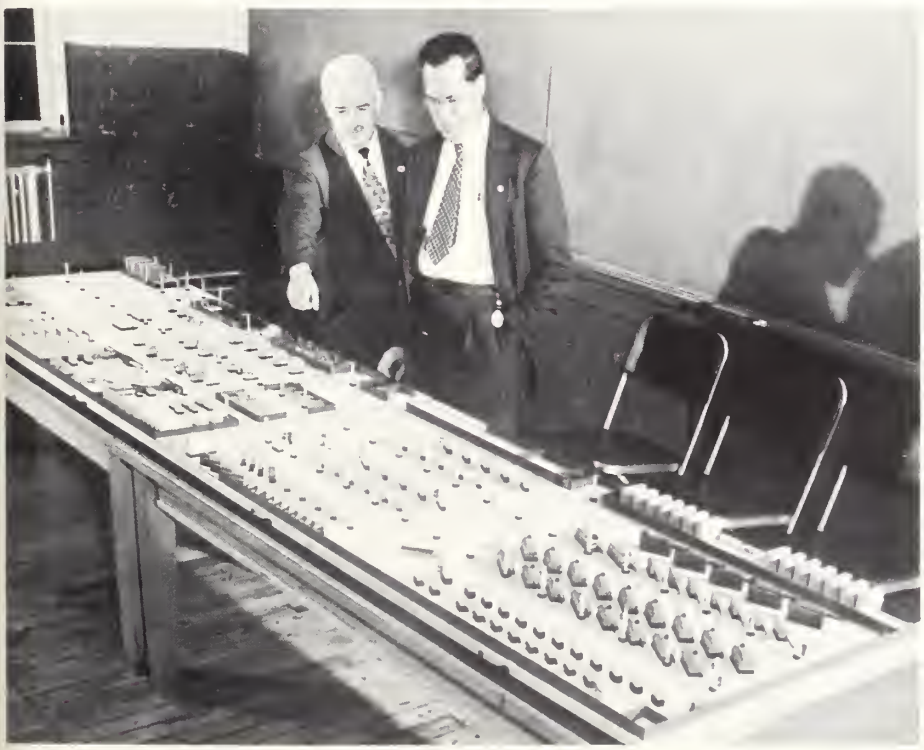
December, with its snow, holiday season, and gifts, is with us again. . . . While Christmas shopping, Charlie Coombs won a door prize at a store. He received luggage, a fishing rod, and clothes. . . . Pardon us! Last month we left a half inch off Sid's prize fish. It should have read 18½". . . . Archie Handfield is on the sick list at this writing. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Birthday greetings to Albert Roy, our lone December baby. . . . Harry Bailey's picture in the SPINDLE was a sticker. Every girl who had ever been in the department was named, but no men were thought of. . . . Grace Griffin, who is well known to all of us, is now Mrs. Benjamin Varney, having been married November 10 at home. Best wishes. . . . A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all from the SPINDLE staff and your reporter.

ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

by Pauline Wunschell

Department 408—Phil Parks became a daddy for the second time when his wife gave birth to a 9 lb., 12 oz. baby girl on October 23, 1956. That makes a boy and a girl for the Parks family. . . . When this gets to press, Martha, our stock clerk, will have become the bride of Roger Taschereau. The wedding took place November 24, 1956.

Department 409—We are sorry to hear about Stanley Lazcks's accident. We hope he will have a speedy recovery. All those interested in sending cards, please address them to Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, Mass. I'm sure he'd be glad to hear from you all. . . . Thanks, fellows, for all the news. Have some spirit and let's get a column—I mean a really big column—for next month. . . . Merry Christmas to all.



Becouse of their interest in their new quarters, members of Departments 411 and 412 were shown a three-dimensional layout of the new building in the upper yard. Shown examining the model are William Steele, Divisional Superintendent, and Howard Dunford, Plant Layout. Cost of new machines for the building will be about $1,000,000

METAL PATTERNS

by Bill Prior

Sick department: Bob Caston has returned to St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, for surgery; at this writing, Harold Oakes is still on sick leave. . . . Henry Forget and Joe Prior, for the second year, spent a week hunting in New Hampshire. For the second year, no deer. . . . Welcome to Roger Gosselin, our new crib attendant. . . . Earl O'Dell is pleased at the chance to work as a repair man. . . . Our new office clerk is Mrs. Adams. Welcome to our ranks. . . . In the near future, Francis Spratt will again be a grandfather. . . . John Pate has been transferred from the night crew to the day crew. . . . The chief topics of conversation here are the new cars, their styles, and the question of who on the job will be first to get one. . . . Merry Christmas.

PICKERS AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette

Ladies and gentlemen, you can't all be bashful! As of November 8 you have given me exactly two items for this column. It is small wonder that our column becomes shorter each month. . . . After two weeks in the Memorial Hospital, Phyllis Kosciak, Department 446 inspector, has returned home and is doing well. . . . James Fox has recovered from his knee injury and is back at work. . . . John Stanovitch, who was in the hospital for two weeks because of pneumonia, has returned to the Blue Eagle to recuperate.

Dave Desjardin and Joe Szerlag received their 10-year pins from Robert Stewart and Bill Hartley. Congratulations. . . . Charles Johnson is serving on the jury in Worcester. . . . Pete Bagdasarian has left us to become chief engineer of the new radio station WMOO. . . . Pat Bosquet, Department 446 timekeeper, who had the use of a 1957 car for a few days, invested instead in a 1954 Ford. Pat said the only difference he could see was the difference in price.

Did you know that John Brezniak was at one time a Webster constable? That as a charter member Hank Pontbrient was senior vice-commander of the Rockdale Post of the American Legion? That Leo Blanchard is chairman of so many organizations that Mrs. Blanchard refers to him as the "axle?" . . . For the time being Harold Barnes is alternating between storesrooms 8 and 16.

The Phillies are the 1956 champions of the Northbridge Little League. First row, from the left: Stuart Youngsma, Paul Fitzgerald, Robert Cook, Richard Morin. Second row: Jason Magill, Richard Brouillard, John Kromarz, William Kidd. Third row: Gerald Shugrue, Richard Gouthier, John Souve, Joseph Roy, Edward Harris, David Miedema. Fourth row: Manager Andrew Magill and Coach Herb Ashworth

TOOL JOB

by George Jones

Richard Gjeltema, repair man, has moved up to Sutton Street in Northbridge Center where he is building a new home. . . . Edward Baker, jig man, is in the process of building a new home and work shop on top of Purgatory Hill near the Baarda farm. . . . Jerry Mandeville went to a Halloween Party dressed as a gypsy and came to work the next day wearing his sister-in-law's lipstick that was not only kiss-proof but wipe-proof. . . . Congratulations to John Hutcheson, grinder hand, on receiving his citizenship papers on November 6, election day. . . . Kenneth Guertin, apprentice, has a nice home that he built on West River Road. He has been told that, because of the flood control program, he will have to move it. . . . Frank Calzone, foreman's clerk, and Oscar Godding, repair man, had a week hunting in Masardis, Maine, and brought home a spike horn and a doe each weighing about 100 lbs. . . . Leonard Bousquet, grinder, and his father-in-law have bought and are living in the Charlie Paine house in Plummers. . . . Ronnie, the son of Raymond Kempton, tool inspector, a member of the 4-H Club, was awarded the champion's ribbon in his class for his Corriedale yearling ram at the Northeastern Sheep Show held in Topsfield, Mass. . . . Bob Paul is our new timekeeper. Bob comes from North Uxbridge and is very interested in sports of all kinds.

CORE ROOM AND FOUNDRY PRODUCTION CONTROL

by Grace Heath and Earl Briggs

The best of luck to Elvin F. Winchell, who left us to join the Navy on November 14. . . . Zeigi Buczynski and wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary November 7. Congratulations! . . . Henry Lemoine is home from the hospital and is feeling much better. We hope he will be back with us soon. . . . We were sorry to hear that "Lefty" Houle has had a relapse due to virus, and is back in the hospital again. . . . Congratulations to Marinus Bosma, who is very proud of another granddaughter. . . . We extend our sympathy to Henry LaPlante of Woonsocket who just lost his brother-in-law. Birthday greetings for December to Amede Leduc, Arthur Collette and Edward Nejadlik. . . . Richard King has been transferred to the Foundry. . . . Smokers be careful! Earl Briggs accidentally ignited a box of matches while lighting a match. He received treatment, at the Shop Hospital, for a burned thumb.

So long to Mrs. Yvonne Gainor and Tom Queenan of Foundry Wage Standards and welcome to Mrs. Isabelle Anderson. . . . Good to see Mrs. Ruth Gile back after two weeks' illness, part of which was spent in the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . The Mayberrys set the pace. Germaine reports she and Bill have a 1957 yellow and black Ford Fairlane, really sharp. . . . Robert Paul, Foundry Timekeeping, has been transferred to the Tool Job. . . . Light the candles of the birthday cake this month for the youngest employee of the Office, Walter "Mickey" Anderberg. . . . The Office has been well supplied with candy since Halloween. Red reports the Vincent children collected at least 10 pounds of candy. . . . Members of Wage Standards recently enjoyed an evening out and dinner at Johnson's Hummocks, in Providence.

MAINTENANCE OFFICE, SHEET METAL AND STEAM FITTERS

by Frank Visgatis

At this writing, members of the Maintenance Benefit Club are preparing to hold their annual Yuletide festivities at the Uxbridge Inn. A menu that will cater to a wide diversity of appetites is in order, and a merry time is certainly anticipated by all. . . . Ed Sadowski who was hospitalized recently is back with us and looking very well. It's nice having you back Ed. . . . Leonard Brock is the proud father of a United States Marine. . . . We wish at this time to convey our deepest thanks to all those who contributed to the Northbridge Agencies. . . . Aileen Willis sported a red nose for a while as the annual epidemic of "sniffles" began reaping its toll. . . . Mrs. Patrick Havalotti, wife of Pat Havalotti, Sheet Metal Department, was recently elected Queen of Tupper Corporation. A dinner was rendered in her honor at the Meadows and an M.G. Sportscar was provided for transportation. . . . Frankie Searles is conducting an intensive search for a waterproof automobile tire. . . . Chesterline Dion will be terminating her stay with us shortly when she leaves to assume domestic duties. A wonderful girl and a wonderful co-worker, she will be missed by all I'm sure. . . . Nick Prestera, an ardent Radio Ham, spends much of his leisure time on the air waves. . . . Francis Kelly was recently awarded his 10-year service pin, not 5 years as previously mentioned. . . . Thought for the month: Instead of loving your enemies, try treating your friends a little better.

COMBER JOB

by Terry Merolli

Now that the discussions of the recent election are over, we can settle down to thoughts of the holidays and Christmas shopping. . . . Kathy Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins, won one of the first prizes at the recent Halloween window decorating contest. Kathy's selection was a sitting skeleton. . . . Pat Kelley spent a recent week end in Vermont. . . . We wish "Butch" Surowiec good luck on his new job down at 454 and we welcome back Bill Blanchette. . . . Rumor has it that Charlie Machoian has

already written his letter to Santa for some new neckties. . . . We hear that Archie Fournier's house looks mighty sharp since he painted it Uxbridge blue. . . . Birthday greetings to Charlie Roukema, John Solina and Pat Kelley. . . . Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Felsen.

MILLING JOB

by Harry Ludvigson

Ralph Walsh, our personality for this month, has worked on the Milling Job with us for the past fifteen years. Prior to starting with Whitin's in February 1941, he was employed as a street car motorman in Woonsocket and Newport, Rhode Island. Ralph and Mrs. Walsh, the former Della Lyons of Uxbridge, make their home at 324 Vose Street in Woonsocket. They have been married since April 11, 1920, and are the parents of two children, a daughter, Mrs. Frank Trotter of Berkeley, California, and a son, James, of Mapleville, Rhode Island. They have four grandchildren. His hobbies are pounding out tunes on their piano and fishing.

Edward Ludvigson, son of your writer, returned home on November 8 after separation from Uncle Sam's Army. During his stint in the army, he was stationed at Orleans, France. After two weeks of ease, he expects to resume employment at the Worcester County Trust Co. . . . Russell Palmer treated his fellow riders to a blowout—in fact, to two of them—on the way to work on November 8. Wilfred Bouchard had to hitchhike back to Milford and pick up his car to finish the trip to work. Their noon hour of that day was spent in getting Russell's car back to normal. . . . Joseph Jacques left us during the month to take employment at The Blackstone Machinery Company of Millis, Mass. His replacement is Robert Tellier, formerly of Department 417. Other new faces on the job are John Kearns and Robert Miller, apprentices. . . . Furne White and his father spent a very successful week of hunting in Maine. They arrived home with an 85 lb. doe and 240 lb. buck. The buck shot by Furne was the largest deer taken over the Maine turnpike for the week. The deer were taken less than two miles apart and were shot within an hour. . . . Albert Gagnon is a patient at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, and Arthur Ballou is out because of illness. They have our best wishes for a speedy recovery and we hope to see both of them back with us very soon. . . . Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from your reporter.

LINWOOD MILLS

by Louise Sohigian and Wilbur Baird

Department 451—Congratulations to Eddie Lamontagne and Mrs. Lamontagne on their fourth wedding anniversary. . . . Birthday candles were lit this month for Dimitry Pristawa, Harold Johnson, Blanche Tougas, and Byron Deane. . . . We extend our sincere sympathy to Cora Barsamian on the death of her father and to Lillian Roberts on the death of her mother. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Lillian Roberts who is out on sick leave. . . . Best wishes to Madeline Branawicki, who is leaving us to take up household duties. She received a gift from the department. . . . Also farewell to Doris Dion who is leaving us to work in another department. . . . Congratulations to Aldea Peterson who completed her first aid course and has received her certificate for civil defense rescue unit.

Department 450—Donald and Alan, Jr., sons of Foreman Al Blizard, are stationed at Newport aboard the submarine chaser U.S.S. "Manville." Donald was recently promoted to storeskeeper 3/c. . . . Reservations are now being made for our third annual Christmas party. It will be held at 8:00 p.m. on December 15 in the B&B Club of Providence. . . . We welcome Edward Boucher to Department 450 and Donald Clark to the inspection staff of Linwood Division. . . . December birthday greetings go to Carl Bosma, Harry Malkasian, and Alan Blizard. Happy birthday, gang!

Thought for the month—No man is so short that he can't stretch, and no man is so tall that he can't stoop.

GEAR JOB

by Donald Menard

It is getting close to Christmas and all the fellows are buying presents. . . . Our job's Christmas party is just around the corner. . . . Bob Ebbling and Floris Ebbling spent their third week of vacation hunting. . . . Arthur Beauchesne visited the home of Santa Claus in New York. It is called North Pole. Arthur took his two-and-a-half year old son with him. . . . We welcome four new employees: Douglas Bouchers, Wilfred Savard, Emmett Smith and Jerald Bergeron. . . . Some of the boys went to Roger Taschereau's stag on November 10 at the Eagles' Hall. Everyone had a good time. . . . Jim Menard, a lathe hand, is practicing to be an electrician. . . . We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

by Dorsey Devlin

Celia Normandin, Foreman's Clerk on Department 442, is our personality for this month. Celia, who was born in Worcester, received her education at Worcester Classical High School, of which she is a graduate. She has worked in the shop for ten years, most of that time in the Production Department. Celia has four children, two sons and two daughters, and ten grandchildren. A daughter, Sari Devlin, works in the Freight House Office. Celia is having a new home built on the Providence Road and lists among her hobbies, boating, knitting and photography.

John DeBoer, Jr. gave us news of two big events in his young life when he announced his engagement to Miss Brenda Clarke of Franklin, and also of his induction into the Army on November 27. . . . We also wish a speedy recovery to his

Among the officers of the Home Garden Club who attended the organization's annual banquet in the Cafeteria in October were, from the left: Merrill True, Secretary; Jacob Haringa, Vice-President; Fred Dexter, Treasurer; and Angus Parker, President. The Home Garden Club has been in continuous operation since the victory gardens of World War I

Sp3 Gerard Dionne, son of Louis Dionne of Department 437, is stationed in Germany. He is studying guided missiles

mother, Mrs. John DeBoer, Sr., who is in Memorial Hospital at this writing.

We are sorry to have our Planner, Stanley Ziemba, Sr., out sick again and are happy to have our Supervisor, Jim Gibbons back after a long siege of illness.

The Job's Christmas Party was held on December 13 at the Bocce Club in Woonsocket. "Pippay" Rainville, Bob Campo and Lucien Paulhus were in charge of the arrangements. . . . Alfie Berube's favorite sport is getting into unfortunate situations. Alfie's latest escapade on election day tops them all to date. The long noon hour induced Alfie to go out into the fresh air but as he reached the gate one of his buddies asked him to take a ride to Woonsocket to vote. Alfie, who hadn't planned to vote until evening, took the ride and stopped at home to visit his family. Back in the shop about two o'clock he suddenly realized that he left his car keys at home while his own car was out in the shop parking lot. A hurried trip back to Woonsocket before 4 o'clock remedied the situation.

Divisional Superintendent Robert Stewart, Foreman Ken Greenwood and Foreman Dick Davidson recently spent a few days in New York where they attended the Forest Products Research meeting. Ken also informs us that he has a busy winter ahead as he plans to build a 14-foot Chris-Craft boat. (A little advice to Ken, "don't build it in your cellar.") . . . Val Yargean and Art LeFierrier spent a week hunting up in Cape Breton Island, Canada. Val shot a 190-lb. deer. . . . Claude and Marco Bolduc have returned to the day shift and Russ Rosborough has been transferred to nights on the Tool Job. . . . Bobby Campo's Tigers have a one game lead after eight weeks of bowling on the Department 413 League. Tony Petrillo's Yankees and Claude Bolduc's Pirates are tied for second with Eddie Horan's Dodgers in last place. Don Dion has the high average with 92.9. . . . Your reporter wishes each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

Personality of the Month: William Beaudoin, Department 448B, who recently received his 20-year pin, has two sons—Roland of Timekeeping and Roger of the Freight House—working in the Whitin Machine Works. After serving his time as a Whitin apprentice, Bill was for fourteen years a molder, later an inspector, then on the Polishing Job, and since November, 1955, has worked on the erecting floor. Bill is a very busy man. He owns two houses on Fletcher Street. One of these, the old Pierce Farm, he has remodeled into three apartments. He plays the piano, the violin, and the accordion. He and his wife Rose greatly enjoy traveling. He also enjoys his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mayr sent a card with their regards to everyone in these departments. . . . Bob Stewart, our A.A. umpire, is back at work on Spinning Erecting. After helping handle the Little World Series, he saw two games of the real series in New York. What a life! . . . Ben Scott and John Fleszar have new '57 cars. Ben's is a Plymouth and John's is a Pontiac —a St. Patrick's Day special two-tone green. . . . Feeling sorry for his dog on a cold morning, George Robbins allowed him in the house and under the bed before discovering that the dog had had a recent encounter with a black-and-white highly-scented animal. . . . James Strachan, Spinning Erecting, recently received his 20-year pin from company officials. . . . Albert Bowyer, who recently returned to work, again is out on sick leave. We hope that he will be completely recovered in time for the holiday season. . . . November wedding anniversaries were observed by Michael Feen, Henry Barnett, and Anthony Iannitelli. . . . November birthdays were celebrated by David Picard, Sr., Alec McFarland, William Beaudoin, and Peter Andonian. For the month of December, we note birthdays for Ken

Angelo Arciero, packer and Department 453 personality of the month, enjoyed visiting his boyhood home in Italy

Bill Beaudoin, 448B personality, and Rose Beaudoin are shown on vacation in Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies. They greatly enjoy travelling

Proctor, Armand Heneault, Clinton White, and Manuel Oliver. . . . December wedding anniversaries are observed by Bob Williams, Tom McCallum, Alfred Nolet, and Ken Proctor. . . . Truly, those with December birthdays and wedding anniversaries are forgotten men.

We must point out the wonderful job done by Leo Smith and his assistants with the Northbridge High football team. The student body did a good job in supporting the team, and as for the team—the record speaks for itself. . . . Congratulations to our old friend of the Polishing Job, Alfred Benoit, who graduated from the State Police Academy at Framingham on November 15 after completing a special one-month course. His chief, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, attended the graduation ceremony. . . . A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Our personality this month is Angelo Arciero who was born in Santa Apollinare, Italy, on November 28, 1894. He attended school there until he went to work on a farm. At the age of 16 he left Italy to land in Boston, then took a train to Montreal where he worked on the railroad and at various jobs. In 1913 he visited a friend who was working in North Uxbridge. Angelo found work in North Uxbridge on the trolley car. He later joined the Whitin Machine Works. He was married in 1927 and settled in Uxbridge. In 1947 his daughter Clara and he took a plane to Italy where he visited his relatives and friends. He stayed there over three months. Angelo and Mrs. Arciero own their own home on Moody Street. He enjoys traveling, hunting and working around his home. His daughter Clara is married. He has two grandchildren, Donald and Claudia, of whom he is very proud.

Nancy Britten, who was a patient at Whitinsville Hospital for a week, is now fully recovered. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Conway motored to Boston to see "Seven Wonders of the World." They enjoyed it very much. . . . Harold Libby is sporting a new Plymouth. . . . Celebrating birthdays this month are Leo Gauthier, Roland Dunn and Joseph Landry. Many happy returns. . . . Congratulations to Rene Morissette upon receiving his 20-year pin and to Harvey Boulay upon receiving his 10-year pin. . . . Anyone interested in photography should contact Mr. Marker at the Whitin Gym. Mr. Walter Departie is the instructor. He will be glad to have you in the class. . . . The office Christmas Party was held at Treasure Island this year and a good time was reported by all who attended. . . . A group from the office attended "Artist Night" during the music festival. The highlight of the evening was an interview with Lily Pons, the soloist of the evening.

WOOD PATTERNS

by Vera Taylor

This is the time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but for happy birthdays we select the following: Patrick McGovern, Archie Fournier, Julian Masson, Osias Chenette and Ernest Kroll. . . . Ray Fullerton spent a week in Maryland with his son and family. We understand it took more than a week to recuperate after he returned. The family includes three small grandsons. . . . Ralph Houghton has brought Mrs. Houghton home to recuperate from a trip to the hospital and Joe Fenner has Mrs. Fenner home again, too. Joe's father, Joe Fenner, Sr., is now recuperating from his accident which occurred in Kentucky. He has been transferred by air to the Veterans Hospital in Providence. We hope this finds them all in good health. . . . Congratulations to Bob Gonynor on receiving his 20-year service pin.

Edward J. Plante, Department 401, and Bernice Brown, Supply Room, were married in St. Anne's Church, Manchaug, on September 1

Walter Weseluk, Jr., and Adriene Boisvert were married in St. Louis' Church, Woonsocket, on October 27

SANITATION

by Stanley W. Krula

October 27 was a pretty special day for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weseluk, Sr. On their twenty-second anniversary, their son, Walter, Jr., took as his bride Adriene Boisvert. Continued happiness to both couples. . . . A hearty welcome back to Aldor Vachon who has been out on sick leave for three weeks. Still out is Omer Dilamarche, and we wish him too a speedy recovery. . . . The 1957 model cars are out now, and the first of our department to become a proud '57 owner is Louis Larocque. "Gene" purchased a spanking new Ford sedan this month, and he and Mrs. Larocque are working real hard week ends breaking in the new buggy. It used to be that Gene drove his truck to work, but lately we've noticed a two-tone blue Ford in Gene's parking space. I wonder how Mrs. Larocque likes the truck?

GRINDER JOB

by Betty Ann Feen

Birthday greetings for the month of December are extended to Joe Waterman, Ed Ryan and John Lewandowski. Best wishes to all of them. . . . Belated anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson, their sixth, on November 4. Best wishes to both of them and may they have many more together. . . . Anniversary greetings for the month of December are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fitton, their second, on December 24. By the way, Ray just purchased a house in Milford. Good luck to him. . . . Also greetings are in store for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Soholowski, their eighteenth, on December 31. Best wishes to both of them. . . . Walter Solina is now sporting a new 1957 Ford. The color is black and yellow. Good luck to Walter and happy motoring. . . . Well, with the Christmas season just about due, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DEPARTMENT 411

by Leon Atteridge

Our personality on the first shift this month is Walter Lanagan. Walt was born in Franklin, Mass. and received his education in the Franklin schools. At the early age of fifteen, he started to work in the A&P store in Franklin and became manager of this same store at the age of nineteen, a job which he held for three years. After this Walter went to work in the E. Gray store in Wrentham as manager. From this job he went to work for the Swift Packing Company as a salesman. He has also worked for the New Haven Railroad. In 1941, he came to work for Whitin working as a turret operator on Department 417. Then in 1943 Walter was transferred to the Wage Standards office to work as a time study man. All of this time has been spent taking studies on our department. Walter is married to the former Lillian Fifield of Roxbury, Mass., and they are the parents of three daughters—Rachel, Mary, and Betty. They were recently blessed with a grandson of whom they are very proud. Walter enjoys sports very much, especially baseball. He is also director of the "Youth for Christ" organization in the Blackstone Valley area. On anything pertaining to the church, Walter is sure to lend a helping hand.

In September of 1935 Walter started a Gospel Mission in Franklin in an old laundry building. Very few people attended these first sessions which were held on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Walter, who is superintendent,

Alfred Bouffard, Department 426, converted a broken-down back yard fireplace to this shrine. He used stones from Point Judith and the inside of an icebox in the construction

Wolter Lanagan, right, shown with Ronald Holden, is Department 411's personality of the manth

never became discouraged though. After twenty-one years of this worthy cause, he recently started to put up their own building in Franklin. This building is being paid for by donations, and they are looking forward to having the building fully completed in coming years. Our own department took up a collection for this cause. Walter's wife shares with him in the work, and he is the first to admit that, without her help, none of this would have come about. Good luck to Walter. We certainly hope his dreams will come true in the very near future.

Our personality on the second shift is Earl Spindel. Earl was born in Milford, Mass. He attended school in Milford, and took his first job in the F. W. Mann Company of Milford manufacturing bone cutters. It is interesting to note that Earl returned to the same company twenty-five years later and ground the last bone cutters ever made. In 1928, he went to Chicago to learn how to fly. He worked in the Stewart-Warner plant repairing speedometers, and on Saturdays and Sundays took up flying. Earl still resides in Milford with his wife, the former Margaret Ashworth. He has one son, three stepsons, and four stepdaughters. In 1937, Earl came to work for Whitin working on the Comber Job. He has also worked on Department 426. In 1948, he came to work on our department as an automatic hand operator. Earl is also a first class watchmaker, as anyone on our department can testify.

Our department recently started a bowling league. We have four teams listed as the Hornets, Shavers, Shell-Shocks, and the Wheels. Those bowling with the Hornets are: Hank Bardol (Capt.), Cliff Goyette, Walt Abramek, Reggie O'Rourke, and Gladys Bird. The Shavers include Jack Cooper (Capt.), Audrey Cooper, Jack McElreath, Joe Cencak, and Lois Heerdt. The Shell-Shocks are Bill Porter (Capt.), Chuck Pendleton, Jim Colton, Paul Roy, and Leon Atteridge. The Wheels include Peanuts Johnson (Capt.), Dave Gray, Harry McQuade, Celia Kelliher, and Lois Blakely. . . . On December 8 a Christmas party was held at the Klondike Inn. About fifty couples attended. Music was furnished by Peanuts Johnson, Lee Watson, and Clarence Beauregard. Everyone had a good time, and we are all looking forward to next year's party. . . . Elsie Magowan is now a proud new grandmother. For the occasion, the girls bought her an orchid. . . . Congratulations to Donald Forgit and John Demers on receiving their ten-year service pins. . . . There are quite a few birthdays being celebrated this month: David Gray, Celia Kelliher, Louise Krawczyk, Donald Forgit, Veronica Bellione, Noel Beaulieu, Michael Celozzi, Joseph Martin, Harry Remillard, John Hutnak, Alex Boucher, Alfred Gutowski, Edward Legassey, and Joseph Cencak. . . . Congratulations to the following who are observing anniversaries this month: Roland Philbrook, Charles Randall, Charles Pendleton, and George Charpentier. . . . It's nice to see Chet McQuilken and Ken McMahon back with us once again after their recent illnesses. . . . We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Marcel Pouliot and A. Frue

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. George Cartier who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on November 15. . . . Best wishes also, to Mr. and Mrs. Normand Champagne who celebrated their first wedding anniversary, by taking a second honeymoon trip to New York City on November 11. . . . Birthday greetings to June LeBlanc, Rene Racicot, Ovide Rajotte, Charles Tykes, Normand Champagne, and Edgar L'Heureux. . . . Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Party, and we hope that everybody will be there to have a good time. . . . We wish everyone A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Frederick Lefrancais, Department 411, and his son-in-law built this shrine in Millville from an abandaned bathtub

Normand Champagne, Department 423, and Mrs. Champagne celebrated their first wedding anniversory on November 11

CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

by Edward Rabitor and Leo Dufresne

Birthday greetings to the following: Hanna Sheehan, Grant Fournier, Bob Gardner, Leonard Hinchliffe, Willis Buchman and Claire Houle who celebrated another birthday during the past month. . . . At the head of the list in the congratulations department is Claire Houle who celebrated her 21st wedding anniversary this month. . . . Our condolences to Maurice Valois on the death of his father-in-law. . . . We extend sincere wishes for a quick recovery to Bill Donahue who is out as a result of an accident. Bill had only recently returned to work from a sick leave when misfortune caught up with him again. . . . A warm welcome is extended to Earl Robbins, Jr., Chester Hammond, Andre Lambert, Kenneth Wiersma, Ernest Laporte, Leonard Woodward, and Aime Lauzon on the day shift and to John Bosse on the night shift of Department 417 who have joined our ranks since last we went to press. Welcome also to Richard Simmons and Christopher Dona who are now in Department 418. . . . Bob Gardner and Ray Achorn recently went on a hunting trip to New Hampshire in quest of the elusive deer, guided by the very capable Nick "Davy Crockett" Beccia. Better luck next time, fellows. . . . Leonard Hinchliffe was presented a 25-year pin by Messrs. Bolton, Cunningham, and Rizer. Congratulations, "Len." . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Howard Hill's youngest son who is now in Milford Hospital recovering from pneumonia. Howard also went to the hospital the week of November 19.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Jacob Sohigian

Thereasa Creasia is back in the hospital with the old ankle injury. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back again real soon. . . . Franny Forsythe bowled a lusty 135 string, this past week, and was so proud of it that he didn't let anyone go by the gearing section without telling them. A consistent bowling such as that could help the 429 bowling team climb in the league standings. . . . Gerard "Popeye" Lachapelle is the new apprentice on the job. We hope he likes it here, and that he learns a few things to help him in future undertakings. . . . Edgar Baker's son William, is the proud father of a baby boy, born in Jamaica Plains. Bill is married to the former Ann Hoagsma of Whitinsville. Incidentally, Edgar is proud of his son who is an honor student, in his senior year at Tufts Medical School.

Congratulations to Paul O'Connor on receiving his 15-year service pin and to Maude Hurdt and Rita Rossa upon receiving their 10-year service pins. . . . George Andrews and Everett Laurence went hunting one Saturday. They almost shot a chicken, mistaking it for a pheasant. They came home empty handed. . . . Norman Sherman has been transferred to the Nickel Plating Department. . . . Bob Rondeau, our erstwhile painter, has bought himself a small night club in Woonsocket, and is doing right well. Bob is inviting all his friends to drop down to spend an enjoyable evening. . . . A very Merry Christmas to all and a very joyous New Year.

Ira Maghakian wos appointed a Divisional Superintendent effective November 1. He is in charge of Department 488, Offset Duplicatar Manufacturing and Assembly

Arthur W. Litke was appointed a Divisional Superintendent effective Navember 1. He is in charge of Departments 414, 415, 426, 429, 454, and 431

STEEL FABRICATION AND CUT-OFF JOBS

by Maurice P. Valois

Mr. James C. Rankine and Mr. John F. Sloan recently presented Alfred "Sheriff" Nichols with a ten-year service pin. Congratulations. . . . We welcome to Department 432 Alfred J. Renaud and William J. Surick. . . . Frank Tingley is on sick leave. We hope by this reading he will be back on duty. . . . John Steele reports that, while visiting a relative at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, he ran across a patient, Mrs. Marion Metcalf, who was formerly a timekeeper on 432. . . . Birthdays will be celebrated this month by John Steele and Aldor St. Germain. . . . Wedding anniversaries by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benson, 19 years; Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Mombourquette, 20 years.

As in past years, we like to publish what we on 410 and 432 would like Santa to bring us. . . . Little Mike Bodnar is making plans to enlarge his house chimney, so Santa might be able to bring his daughter the spinet piano she wants so much. Sheriff Nichols still wants the Gold Upton Police Badge he missed last year. Wilfred Miclette wants a customer to buy his house. Frank Rousseau would like a set of snow-tires. Aarne Nelson would appreciate a job where he can keep clean. The Lemires, Jerry and Ernest, desire new cars. Emile Aussant wants prosperity (he's already loaded). Gene Closson answered in this manner: "Another year is now left behind. SPINDLE reporter Valois, with a thoughtful mind, is asking you and he's asking me what we would like on our Christmas tree. In answering this yearly plea, I'd like to find on my Christmas tree an answer to this worldly strife that we may lead a peaceful life!"

Rene Rock wants a set of air foam cushions. George Vacher wishes for good health and long life. Harvey Croteau wants old friends to remain good friends. Henry Deslauriers would like a ride on the new fire truck in Woonsocket. Richard Flinton wants a new Ford. Paul Grenier, Sr., needs a new diet. Daniel Marques desires an addition to the family. Frank J. Zayone wants the morning papers delivered to his work bench the year round. Herman Hathaway wants a chain saw. Ken Hebert, 410-432 guard wishes a new hi-fi record player and plenty of cool records. Ann Benson, Irene Mombourquette and June Boisvert want nothing from Santa, but do wish for world peace and prosperity. All of us join them in the same wish. . . . May I extend Holiday Greetings to all!

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

Personality of the Month: It is with much pleasure that we present Harley Keeler as our personality this month. A Whitinsville native, Harley was educated in the Northbridge School system and graduated from Northbridge High School. While in school, "Harl" was active in all sports and has maintained his interest in athletics ever since. A Red Sox fan, a hunting and fishing enthusiast, and a follower of all spectator sports, "Harl," it may be said, comes by this love of the outdoors quite naturally as anyone who has been acquainted with the Keeler family will tell you. After finishing his schooling, Harley worked as an assistant manager of an A&P Store, an assistant manager of a 5- and 10-cent store and came to work in the Whitin Machine Works in 1935. He first worked on Department 417 and later transferred to the Spinning Erecting Floor. He started his expediting career in 1941 on the Magneto Floor and is presently following repair orders for Storesrooms 13 and 15. In 1936, Harley and the former Frances Smith of Uxbridge were married and today they are the proud parents of

Bernard L. Shaw was appointed Foreman of Department 405 on October 10

The engagement of Edith Jardine, Department 465, to Ronald Jorritsma has been announced

three sons and a daughter, 17-year old Harley the 3rd, 13-year old William, 9-year old Alan, and 8-year old Carol. The Keelers own their home on Seagrave Street in Uxbridge, where Harley is quite active in the affairs of the First Evangelical Congregational Church as a trustee and as a Deacon for the past eight years. Harley is also secretary of Solomon's Temple, A.F. & A.M., in Uxbridge and is currently on the advisory council of the Whitinsville Order of DeMolay. A man of many interests, Harley was an original member of the Whitin Male Glee Club and to this day is extremely fond of music. It has been a pleasure to write a paragraph about Harley Keeler, a popular employee, a possessor of a keen sense of humor and a good friend.

The Golfers wound up their activities with a fine dinner at Treasure Island on October 27, when awards were made and the officers of the coming season were chosen. They are Tom "I have waited three years for this job" Cawley as the new president, Bill Kearnan and Tad Wallace as secretary and treasurer, with the team captains to be selected at a later date. This gang proved that, even though they may not be the best golfers in the world, they rank second to none when it comes to eating.

Production Department notes—our congratulations to George Turner upon receiving his 15-year pin; to Betty Bisson, Frances Gonsorcik, Doris Kellaher and Alice Gardner upon being awarded 10-year pins. . . . "Vic" Romasco was presented a new putter by the members of the Golf League and wasted no time in getting out to try the new club. Those who played with "Vic" say that the new club has already proved that he will be mighty tough to reckon with next season. Lester Dermody made the presentation and performed in his usually fine manner, even though he referred to your correspondent as an "alleged" treasurer. . . . Joe Tosches, not to be outdone by the many people who have at one time or another picked up the wrong lunch box, came to work with a loaf of bread in his lunch box. . . . Barbara Allen has taken over the duties of secretary in replacing Yvette LaPointe. . . . With the political campaigns over, Hugh Currie looks most rested and recovered from the hectic pace that his job as Republican State Committeeman demanded. . . . A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

Personality of the Month: We choose for our personality of the month Maynard Krull, who was born in Whitinsville. "Mike" received his education in Whitinsville and was a graduate from Northbridge High School. "Mike" started the apprenticeship course in the Whitin Machine Works in 1941, but military obligations intervened. "Mike" served in the Air Force for three and a half years. While stationed in Denver, Colorado, "Mike" met and married Betty Vonhof. Later he was stationed in England where he saw action as an armorer on a B17 over Germany. On return to the States, "Mike" resumed his apprenticeship course with the Whitin Machine Works. "Mike" came to the Research Division in 1947 and worked his way to foreman of the machine shop. "Mike" has studied to be a designing engineer at the Rhode Island School of Design and at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. "Mike" now resides in Whitinsville with his wife and three children, 9-year old Patricia, 7-year old Cheryl, and 3-year old James. "Mike's" hobbies are photography and music. He is very active in church work and is on the Whitinsville Christian School Board. He has a keen sense of understanding and responsibility to his family and friends.

We welcome Donald Hewitt, Leo Dussault and Armand Dussault to our department. We hope their stay with us will be a long and happy one. We also welcome Kenneth Piper and Gary Trottier as our two new apprentices. . . . Our congratulations go to Tom Cody, who received his 15-year pin, and to Hugo Mcotti, who received his 10-year pin. . . . We also welcome Stephan Koprusak as a member of the Research Division. . . . It's good to see "Louie" Rutana back and off the sick list. . . . "Ernie" Goyette is on the sick list and we all wish him a speedy return. . . . The Research Division's big news of this month was the holding of our Christmas Party at Chicken Pete's on Saturday evening, December 15, at 8:00 o'clock. Let's make this a huge success by having everyone possible attend. There will be plenty of good food and a good orchestra for dancing. . . . I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

by Bernice Darcy

Flash! Phil O'Grady recently purchased a new car. . . . Congratulations are in line for Bill Young, who received his 20-year pin on November 21, and to Maurice Deshaies, who received his 10-year pin on November 18. . . . Get well wishes are sent to Lloyd Rose. . . . Jim Brosnahan was honored at a luncheon in recognition of his recent promotion, as assistant to Frederic Highman. Good-luck Jim! . . . The annual Christmas Party held at the Uxbridge Inn on December 13, was a great success.

In order to include everyone in this column, we will have two personalities every month. Our first being Phil Feddema. Phil is a resident of Uxbridge. He graduated from Northbridge High School, in 1949, completed one year of drafting at Mondell Institute, Jamaica, New York, and is now attending Worcester Junior College three evenings a week laboring for an Associate Engineering Degree. Phil has been at W.M.W. since February 20, 1956. He was an Aircraft Instrument and Autopilot Mechanic with the Strategic Air Command while stationed in Texas and Puerto Rico during his enlistment in the United States Air Force. He is also in the United States Air Force Active Reserves. Phil's hobby is model railroads. He enjoys dancing, plays, and movies.

Our second personality is Phil Mateer. He lives in Whitinsville, graduated from Northbridge High School, and completed four years of drafting at Worcester Boys Trade High School. He has been at W.M.W. for one year. Phil was in the United States Navy for two years and has been on cruises to San Juan, Puerto Rico Saint Thomas, and the Virgin Islands. Phil's hobby is building model boats. One of his favorite pastimes is dancing.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

by Carol Corron

The 8-Ball Trophy for another year will remain in Dick Rawlinson's office. Dick and Gordon Spence won it again. . . . Our department's Christmas party was held at Aunt Mary's on December 13 . . . On December 4 the girls in the department celebrated at the Marido with Joy Kelliher and Carol McCrea. Joy is leaving to take on family responsibilities and Carol will be married on December 2 to Harry Simonian. . . . Birthdays are celebrated this month by Marguerite Tatro and Joy Kelliher. . . . Anniversary wishes to Bill Baird and to Betty Mombourquette. . . . Belated wishes to Jenni Commons who we missed in the November column. . . . To all, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Don Amiro

One night recently while John Romasco was on his way to Worcester he saw a man lying on the side of the road with his feet and legs upon the highway. He stopped and upon investigating found a man badly hurt. With the help of a passing motorist he took the man to the hospital. After a while he got the story of how the man was hurt. This man was drinking at a bar and he offered two "new-found friends" a ride. These "friends" beat him severely, took his money and pushed him from the speeding car and made off with his car and money. Quite a price for a few drinks. . . . Victoria "Vickie" Gigarjian, Jean Cahill, Marilyn Blair, Jocelyn Shaw, and Arlene DeManche spent a week end in New York City last month. . . . James and Jocelyn Shaw have moved into their new home in North Uxbridge. The best wishes of Wage Standards go with them. . . . After several years in the foundry office group Thomas Queenan has returned to this office. . . . Wage Standards welcomes Robert Ducharme, Isabelle Anderson, Shirley Tauson and Joseph Kay.

MACHINE ACCOUNTING, PAYROLL COMPUTATION, STATEMENTS, BUDGETS, AND TIMEKEEPING

by Bob English

Machine Accounting: Howard Cook has moved into his new home on Providence Road. We welcome the return of Chris Myott, Nancy Porter, and Dot Fazzio from their leaves of absence. Birthday greetings for November to Helen Duggan and Irene DeJordy. The men in the department (Bruce Burroughs, Ernie Chase, Bob Courchene, Frank Widor, and Howard Cook) attended a meeting of the National Machine Accountants Association at the Worcester Airport, November 14. An interdepartment Christmas party has been planned for December 15, with Frank Widor as chairman.

Payroll Computation: The five little pots of African Violet plants sitting on the window ledge in the department are the property and hobby of Rosalie Lent. The following pointers are passed along: Watering is mostly from the bottom, through the saucer, with occasional top watering. Having more than one plant in a pot reduces bloom. So does allowing suckers to grow so plants have multiple crowns. Suckers should be nipped when they first appear. As the plant grows, shift gradually to a larger pot. The secret in their growth is due to the fluorescent lighting (Burt Robie, please note).

Edith Allen took a long week-end in October to visit her son in Washington. . . . Birthday greetings for November to Evelyn Maziarka. We welcome Jacky Lemire, a transfer from the Production Department, and Janice DeBoer, who comes from Machine Accounting, to this division. . . . Bernadette Cabana has transferred to the Cost Department.

Statements: We welcome to this division Lucien Horent, who comes to us from the Cost Department.

Budgets: Herb Barnes, knee-deep in inventory, managed to take a few days remaining from his vacation to hunt deer on opening day in Vermont. . . . Ted Froh, chairman of the entertainment committee, has planned the Works Accounting Division Christmas party for December 15 at Gus's Tavern in Slatersville with music by Johnny Witek's orchestra.

Timekeeping: We welcome Kenneth Roy of Uxbridge to Department 413, replacing Jerry Forget, who has transferred to the Cost Department. . . . We also welcome Stephen Pryharski of Whitinsville to Department 426 (2nd shift). . . . We are happy to report that Jim Daley, Department 416, is convalescing after emergency surgery at Worcester Memorial Hospital.

MYSTERY PHOTO. On the left are three brothers, Irwin G., David C., and Frank F. Clark. On the right is a man who is anticipating a move within a few months

COST DEPARTMENT

by Pauline Hagan and Dick Hanny

First of all this month, your reporters would like to express their sincere appreciation for the numerous cards they received during their long periods of illness and also to thank all those who helped break the monotonous days with their friendly visits. [Departmental acknowledgment: All their fellow workers sincerely hope both Pauline and Dick will soon be back in their midst. Even though she has been absent, Pauline, aided and abetted by her many friends who forwarded news items to her, drafted this column so that the Cost Department would be represented in the SPINDLE.]

Simone Grenier has taken an extended leave of absence during her mother's illness. Anne Wojtalik and Marion Metcalf have been recuperating from recent operations at Worcester hospitals. They express their sincere appreciation for the many cards and visits from their fellow workers. May they soon return in good health.

This month finds the following new people among our personnel: Mary Ann Garabedian, of Whitinsville, and Robert Smalarz, of Blackstone, formerly a time clerk at Department 439, are working in the Roving Group; Rita Ferry, of North Uxbridge, and Gerald Forget, formerly a time clerk at Department 413, are working in Phil Johnson's group; Gloria Brooks, of North Uxbridge, is working in the Spinning Group, replacing Anne Thibeault who has retired to her domestic duties; Lucien Horent, Twister Group, has transferred to the Statements Department, replaced by Leo Imondi from Phil Johnson's group.

Joe Platukis has answered the call of Uncle Sam by joining the Air Force Reserve. . . . Jim and Jocelyn Shaw have finally moved into their new home on Beverly Avenue, North Uxbridge. . . . Temporary plans have been formulated for our office Christmas Party with Mrs. Walker, of East Douglas, catering for a Chicken Pie dinner. Marshall Clark is chairman, assisted by Bea Gauthier, Gordon Curtis. Complete details should be available for our next edition.

Anniversaries: Ruth and Ken Crossman, their 25th; Vivian and Oscar Erickson, their 20th; Mary and Henry Lawton, their 20th; Alice and Gerald Forget, their 15th; Ann and Ted Wojtalik, their 13th; Isabelle and Howard Anderson, their 11th; Rita and Paul Larossee, their 11th; Annette and Joe Krol, their 7th; Lila and John Miracle, their 6th; Virginia and Don Rae, their 5th; and Joyce and Gordon Curtis, their 5th. . . . Birthdays: Simone Grenier, Cleve Reynolds, Roscoe Knights, Lillian Follett, Joe Krol, Ray Tebeau, Leo Imondi, Mary Swetnam, Al Destrempes and Jim Shaw.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

by Jean Cunningham

First I must welcome Carol Milkman and Marjorie DeJong to the department. These girls are also working nights. We hope they enjoy their stay with us. . . . Lydia Hickey and her family took a short week-end trip to visit her son Lee who is training in the Navy at Bainbridge, Maryland. . . . Julia Skeary and her family took a quick trip to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina where John, Jr. has been training as a marine. Julie with her family and friends went down there to pick up John, Jr's. car. It was a very tiring trip and the sad part was that John, Jr. had already shipped out to the Mediterranean. . . . Earl Mason and his wife recently took a trip to Vermont.

Simon Tippy Wiersma and his wife celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on October 14, but Tippy didn't mention it until after SPINDLE time. They celebrated with family and friends. . . . By the time the next SPINDLE is published I hope I can report that George Hartley and Leo Petrie are back to work again. We wish them a speedy recovery. . . . Merton Whatley and his wife enjoyed themselves at a Mr. and Mrs. Group Party at the Y.M.C.A. Many of their friends enjoyed an exhibition of high diving by Merton during the evening. . . . The candles were lit on the cake this month for David Grey, Henry Pariseau, and Albert Brouwer. Congratulations.

To Morris Perry and Florence Perry, Cost Department, a son, Donald Norman, weight 7 lbs. 2 oz., at The Memorial Hospital on October 29.

To Louis Kosciak and Phyllis Kosciak, Department 446 inspector, a son, John Edward, weight 6 lbs. 1 oz., at The Memorial Hospital.

To Ralph Walley, Department 423, and Mrs. Walley, a daughter, weight 7 lbs. 6 oz.

To Nicholas DeHaas, apprentice tool designer, and Mary DeHaas, a son, Dean Allen, weight 8 lbs. 4 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on November 6.

To Bernard Gervais, Department 411, and Mrs. Gervais, a daughter, Denise Ann, weight 6 lbs. 7 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on November 6.

To Roland Rousseau and Mrs. Rousseau, a daughter, Karen Ann, weight 7 lbs. 9 oz., at Woonsocket Hospital on November 13.

To Raymond Dion, Department 416, and Mrs. Dion, a daughter, Gayle Marie, weight 7 lbs. 13 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on November 3.

To Philip Parks, Department 408, and Mrs. Parks, a daughter, weight 9 lbs. 12 oz., on October 23.

To Mauriee N. Valois, Department 417, and Mrs. Valois, a daughter, Rachael, on November 2.

To Raymond Roche, 448C, and Mrs. Roche, a son, John Joseph, on September 9.

To Anthony Campo, Department 450, and Mrs. Campo, a son, David Alan, weight 5 lbs. 13 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on October 28.

Robert E. Bernard of Department 453 and Carol Jean Hurst were married in St. Joseph's Church, Pascoag, on December 1.

Jean Paul Fagnant, Department 429 floor inspector, and Pauline Rita Pelletier were married in St. Joseph's Church, Woonsocket, on October 27.

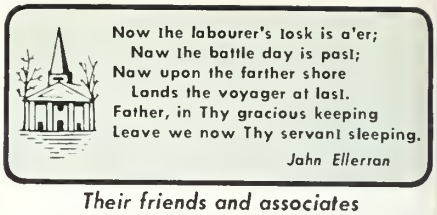
Jack Morrison and Caroline LaForest were married in Franklin on November 10.

Benjamin Varney, Department 421, and Grace Griffin were married at the home of the bride in Whitinsville on November 10.

Lawrenee Southwick, Department 416, and Lillian Parkhurst were married in Blaekstone on October 18.

Paul L. Poulin, Department 448A, and Louise M. McDonald were married in Our Lady's Help of Christians Church, Newton, on November 24.

Irving Lightbown and Barbara Spratt were married in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, on September 15



Their friends and associates extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved

Pasquelle Criasia, Department 416, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Grazia Criasia, Milford, on November 10.

Relatives and friends of Samuel Dion who died at Woonsocket Hospital on October 26.

Family and friends of Baghdasar Barsamian, 73, who died at his home at 6 Brook Street, Whitinsville, on October 26. A native of Harpoot, Turkey, and for 36 years a Whitin employee, he was treasurer of the church committee of the Armenian Apostolie Church.

Survivors and friends of Mrs. Pansie Murray, wife of Lester Murray of Department 427, who died at Whitinsville Hospital on October 29.

Friends and family of William Riedle, 79, retired Whitin employee who died in Milford Hospital on October 28.

Relatives and friends of Willis S. B. Vaughn, 74, retired Whitin employee who died on November 3.

Friends and relatives of Victor E. Kihlberg, 78, of East Douglas, a retired Whitin pattern maker who died in St. Vineent Hospital on October 20.

Survivors and friends of Gerrit DeBoer 80, of 143 East St., Whitinsville, who died at The Memorial Hospital on October 20 A native of the Netherlands and for fifty years a Whitinsville resident, he was a retired Whitin employee.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Sadie F Closson, 56, of Emerson Street, Mendon who died in her home on Oetober 25. She was employed by the Whitin Machine Works until her illness.

Family and friends of Mrs. Nazair Laferriere.

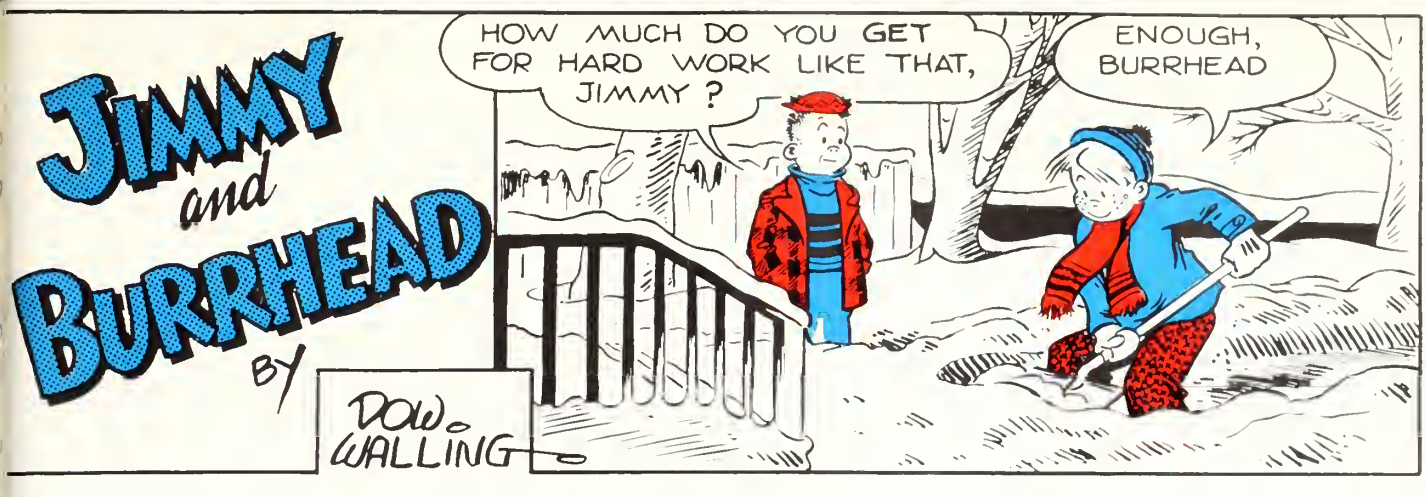
Cora, Krikor, and Arthur Barsamian o the death of their father, Belizar Barsamian.

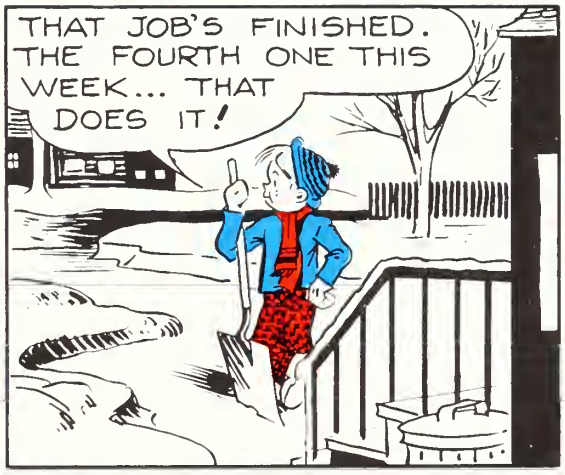
Family and friends of Carl E. Anderson 60, of 5 Leland Road, Whitinsville wh died in The Memorial Hospital, Worcester on November 15. A native of Sweden, h was for 29 years a blacksmith at th Whitin Maehine Works.

Relatives and friends of Titus S. Coope 76, retired machinist at the Whitin Machine Works, who died at his home at 1 East Street, Whitinsville, on November 1 A native of the Netherlands, he was f fifty years a Whitinsville resident.

JIMMY and BURRHEAD

BY DOW WALLING





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